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WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yaumati...	...Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.05	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	9.12	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.08

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Fanling ...	...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	—	5.51	6.20
Taipo Market	...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	—	6.01	6.30
Taipo ...	...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	—	6.05	6.34
Shatin ...	...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	—	6.18	6.47
Yaumati...	...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	—	6.30	6.59
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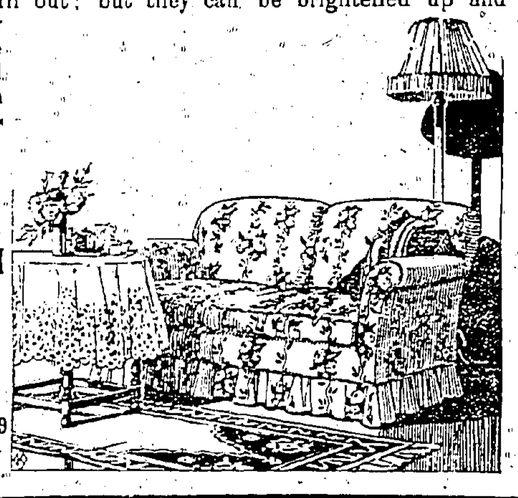

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

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LUXURIOUS SIGHT-SEEING ON THE CONTINENT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 15th.

HOSPITALITY IN HOTELS.

It is a sign of the times that the exclusive hotels in London are getting out of their time-honoured exclusiveness, and are advertising their restaurants. The reason, of course, is the decay of private entertaining. The great houses of the West End no longer provide hospitality according to pre-war traditions, nor is country house hospitality what it used to be. People in Society now invite their friends to dinner in restaurants, whereas such a thing was never dreamt of fifteen years ago.

The Hyde Park Hotel is the latest to enlarge its restaurant on the grand scale; and the fact seems worthy of mention because of its position. It has before it the most famous metropolitan park in Europe, and those who dine there have the sort of outlook that Buckingham Palace gives. To have tea there is like having tea in the Row, without the disadvantages of a thoroughfare. I hear that the management have spent over £40,000 in producing a restaurant worthy of its site. The Hyde Park Hotel effort is a further step in the campaign which seems general to put London on a level with Paris in the matter of hotels designed for the use of people well-endowed with money and the will to spend it.

STRENGTHENING THE LAW.

Mr. Greaves-Lord, M.P., Recorder of Manchester, has prepared a Bill which he intends to introduce in the House of Commons with the object of altering the law to empower judges to pass a sentence of penal servitude for certain offences against women. It is no secret that the action referred to was prompted by the remarks of Mr. Justice Avory in the Hayley Morriss case, and later on by the Lord Chief Justice. The title of the Bill is "Criminal Justice (Increase of Penalties) Bill." As the law stands at present, the maximum sentences of hard labour are two years, and it would not be right to exceed this period.

As a matter of fact, two years' hard labour nearly wrecks a man physically and mentally. Longer terms of imprisonment, therefore, must mean penal servitude, and that is the proposal of the Bill. It is understood at Westminster that the Attorney General is being consulted about the drafting of the Bill, and it is probable that if the House sends it to Committee, as is expected, the Government will give it facilities and practically adopt it.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

The British Industrial Fair which opens this week (it remains open from February 15th till February 26th) is on a very elaborate scale. There has been a departure from departmental precedent this year, as the Government set aside £25,000 for advertising the Fair throughout the world. Almost the whole of this sum was devoted to advertisements in newspapers and trade journals in many languages and in every country with the exceptions of Russia and China. In addition the Board of Trade sent out about a quarter of a million invitations.

This large total of personal notifications is, I was told, six times bigger than such notifications received in any other year of the Fair. An official of the Department estimates that no more than 10 per cent. of trade representatives intending to be at the Exhibition would be likely to take the trouble to tell of their coming. Everything, therefore, points to a record Fair, not only in regard to its size and character and variety of the exhibits, but in attendance and actual business done. This gratifying promise is as much a testimony to the value of judicious advertising as an indication of a re-awakening of business throughout the world.

ROMAN LONDON.

Evidences of London's historic past are constantly coming to light. The discovery has recently been made of the remains of an arcaded portico in the angle of Gracechurch Street and Lombard Street, on the north side, when workmen were digging for the foundations of a new bank. Its significance was realised by an official of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, who happened to be on the spot. Some of the London papers have made a great deal of the discovery.

It is considered in official quarters that the find determines the site of the forum, or market-place, of Roman London, evidence of which has been sought for a very long time. The opinion is held that it links up with the discovery about 40 years ago of the foundations of a large building under Leadenhall Market which has been generally accepted as what is left of the basilica of Londinium, the public building or as we should now say, the town hall which always stood on one side of the forum. Three piers of an arcade and a piece of the containing wall were found.

The Lombard Street discovery suggests that the forum of Londinium was of considerable extent. This is what might be expected having due regard to the commercial importance of London during the Roman occupation.

THE GRAND TOUR BY TRAIN.

Although this is February the travel agencies are making their plans for the holiday season next Summer. This time they are preparing something quite new for those who want to take a jaunt on the Continent. A "land cruise," as it is called, is being arranged, and this being interpreted means that parties who desire to do so can have a special train of their own for nearly three weeks, just as they might have a special steamer.

The idea is to give everyone his (or her) special place on the rain, or parties can have their special carriages. The train will start at Boulogne, and will pass down from Strasburg to Zurich, Innsbruck, and Venice, returning home by way of Lugano and Paris. The travellers will not sleep on the train, but will go to hotels in the various places where it stops. The train will serve as their travelling headquarters, from which expeditions may be made to places of interest.

The advantages of having your own train to travel round Europe are obvious. The bother of securing seats, and hustling, and crowding is avoided. I learn that parties of six can have a carriage to themselves all the time, and the average inclusive cost from July 26th to August 14th will, either be just over or just under 30 guineas, according to the accommodation required. This provides for every kind of expense except optional excursions. It certainly sounds all right—a way of doing the grand tour in comfort.

DOES IT MEAN CHINESE LABOUR?

A statement appears in the *East African Standard*, the settlers' organ that the Government of Kenya "has issued permits to certain estates to take steps, if they choose, to arrange for the importation of indentured foreign labour." This has started a certain amount of gossip in the City, and it is said that the Government will be asked for information in the House of Commons.

The question is what is meant by indentured foreign labour? The natural assumption in the case of Kenya is that it means either labour from Portuguese Africa or Chinese labour. In this connection it is to be noted that at a recent conference of settlers, a resolution was passed to the effect that the settlers should be allowed to import Chinese indentured labour.

SHIPS WITHOUT WIRELESS.

It is disquieting to learn that over 700 British ships are now at sea without wireless operators, and are consequently unable to call for help or receive messages. The situation exists because of the refusal of the operators to accept a reduction in wages demanded by the shipowners. The trouble has lasted some time, and at date of writing there is no immediate prospect of a settlement.

Since the end of November the Association of Wireless and Cable Telegraphists, the organisation of the operators, has been endeavouring to get the Labour Ministry to set up a court of enquiry into the dispute but, without success. The attitude of the Ministry, as explained in a letter, seems to be that an enquiry is unnecessary, as the facts of this dispute are widely known, and that a court of enquiry would not help to a settlement by negotiation, which the Ministry regards as the proper course to pursue.

COTTON TRADE ENQUIRY.

It is announced that at the instance of the Short Time Committee of the Master Spinners' Association an enquiry is likely to be held into the state of the cotton trade. Referring to this the *Manchester Guardian*, which of course is the organ of Lancashire's principal industry, says some change must be made if the trade is to get out of the rut in which it has laboured for the last five years. Short time has given relief occasionally but the benefits it brings to producers are soon over, and something promising more lasting good is needed. The paper adds:—

"Most of our correspondents appear to regard a financial reorganisation as the best line of approach, and it is certain that it would bring appreciable benefits. It would be difficult, no doubt, to secure the necessary assents to such a policy, but that should not deter a committee of investigation from recommending it if there is no easier way out of the difficulty."—H.B.

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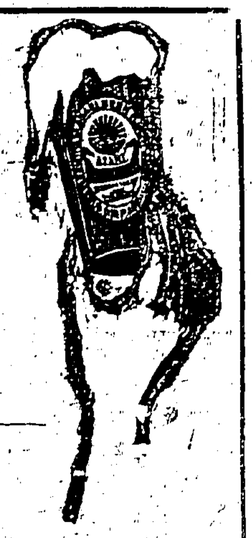

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COMPANY MEETING.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

INFLUENCE OF THE STRIKES ON YEAR'S WORK.

The thirty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, yesterday, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1925, and declaring a dividend.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman) presided, and there were also present:—Messrs. Allan Cameron, J. Scott Harston, Li Tse Fong, C. A. da Roza and Conrad F. Mendham (Directors), Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary), and Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, Tong Hok Ting, D. M. Goodall, M. A. Figueiredo, I. W. Shewan, A. L. Shields, W. E. van Eps, D. W. Munton, J. Coulthart, W. J. Carroll, G. H. Potts, P. M. N. da Silva, J. E. Josephs, J. T. Bagram, W. J. Stokes, J. M. Alves, A. H. M. da Silva, N. V. A. Croucher, A. A. Alves, S. Michael, J. F. da Rocha and C. S. Remedios (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—As the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, have been in your hands for some time past I will with your permission take them as read.

The result of the year's work certainly compares unfavourably with that of previous years, but I need make no apology for this as you all know the unfavourable business conditions with which we have had to contend since the beginning of the Strike of Chinese labour last June.

The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account is $501,453.06 as against $693,148.60 for 1924, and under all the circumstances not only as regards the lack of labour but also the reduced local demand and the difficulty of securing the usual shipping facilities for export, I do not think much better could be expected.

As for the prospects for the coming year, I hardly dare to speak, but, if anything, there seems to be a little more enquiry now than there was at the end of the year, and we can only hope that this may continue.

We are fortunate in having a good supply of limestone as the work of the contractors at Bias Bay was all put a stop to by the outbreak of trouble there; the place appears to be in the hands of bandits and the prospects of building the proposed Light Railway and pier are very indefinite at present.

As indicated at last year's meeting the ground at Castle Peak was sold and the surplus of $1,114.44 appears in the Profit and Loss Account.

PROPOSED FACTORY AT TSUNWAN POSTPONED.

As regards the proposed Factory at Tsun Wan the necessary work of obtaining borings and soundings for the reclamation of the site has been carried out, and much work has been done at home in obtaining estimates and information as to the best and most economical type of plant, but after careful consideration of the position, your Directors in face of the difficulty of obtaining labour and the necessary financial facilities, felt that there was no course open to them but to stop further proceedings and postpone the whole matter until the trade of the Colony returns to normal conditions. This, of course, is very disappointing to all concerned, but on the other hand we have done all we could to push on the completion of the grinding machinery for the Rotary Grate Kilns which are now taking the place of four of the old Aalborg Kilns at Hok Un with good results.

Two more are under construction at Macao and should be finished and at work before the end of this year. Unless, therefore, some very great increase in the demand for Cement should arise we should be more than able to supply all our requirements for some time to come with our present plant.

THE COMPANY'S FINANCES.

Now as to our finances, last year all our cash in hand went in payment of the dividend and you will see from the balance sheet that up to 31st December we had expended $330,305 on Macao and $79,506 on Hok Un; consequently on 31st December our overdraft at the Bank had risen to nearly $200,000—but against this our stocks of raw and finished material were higher by nearly $400,000, and our investments at $714,656 were untouched.

As some shareholders are anxious to have some particulars of the investments, I may tell you that these consist wholly of:—Hongkong Government War Loan, British War Loan, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares, and Shanghai Municipal Council Loan.

At Deep Water Bay the first six months work shewed a profit but everything was brought almost to a standstill in July and since then it has simply been a struggle to keep the factory going with whatever unskilled labour we could pick up. I am, however, glad to say that the prospects for this year seem, especially as regards bricks, better. The new brick kiln is fulfilling all our expectations as to quantity and quality of the bricks turned out, and the out-turn of the factory is slowly increasing as some of our best men have at least returned to work. Altogether our prospects for the current year are certainly better and with a return of the normal demand for drainage pipes, which I am sorry to say has practically entirely ceased owing to the curtainment of public and other works in the Colony, this department of our business should again shew a fair profit on the turnover.

I now move that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and the balance at the Credit of Profit and Loss Account to be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 50 cents on the Old Shares and 10.666 cents on the New Shares	$362,666.66
To place to reserve for new plant	100,000.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account...	53,342.92
Total	$516,009.58

When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased, to the best of my ability, to answer any questions shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. G. H. POTTS seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. In doing so he said: We are pleased that things have turned out better than expected, and at the same time I hope that things will be better next year, that the strike will be finished and that work will continue in the Colony. I have pleasure in seconding, but I would like to know something about the large sum of over $1,300,000 invested in stone or cement. Can you tell me how much was invested in stone and how much in cement?

The CHAIRMAN: Most of it is in stone, and we are very glad to have it.

Mr. POTTS: It seems a very large sum?

The CHAIRMAN: We must keep large stocks. We have had trouble before. We are getting no stone now, and we are very glad to have large stocks.

Mr. CARROLL: Are we getting our stone from Haiphong or from ——?

The CHAIRMAN: We are getting none at all now.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The CHAIRMAN: The next business, gentlemen, is the appointment of Directors. For the vacant place on the Board a number of influential shareholders have put forward the name of Mr. Taggart. We have no objection to this gentleman joining the Board—on the contrary we shall be glad to have his advice and experience, but as under the Articles of Association he cannot be elected at this meeting without seven days' notice, we have agreed to invite him to join us after the meeting is over.

On the proposition of Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, seconded by Mr. D. M. GOODALL, Messrs. R. G. Shewan and Conrad F. Mendham were re-elected as Directors.

Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected as auditors at a rumeration of $750 each per annum on the proposition of Mr. W. J. CARROLL, seconded by Mr. J. COULTHART.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I am very much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready now.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 16th.

To-day's exchange rates are as follow:

Paris	134⅛
Amsterdam	12.13⅜
Brussels	116
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.54
Vienna	24.5
Helsingfors	193.1/16
Lisbon	2⅞
Buenos Aires	43⅜
Shanghai	3⅜
Yokohama	1/10.13/32
New York	4.86 1/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	121 1/8
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	25.25
Prague	164
Madrid	34.52
Rio	7⅛
Bombay	1/6⅛
Hongkong	2/3⅜
Silver (spot)	30⅛
Silver (forward)	30⅜

RUBBER DIVIDENDS.

SINGAPORE COMPANIES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. advise us that the following dividends have been declared:

Temerloh.—2nd interim of 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. to date.

Bukit Kepong—15 per cent., making 30 per cent. for the year.

Connemara.—15 per cent. final, making 22½ per cent. for the year and 10 per cent. interim account, 1926.

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Chartered Bank	£21½ nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30 buy.
Do., C.	£13½ buy.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
East Asia Bank	$79 buy.
Canton Insurance	$620 buy., 625 sa.
China Underwriters	$2 nom.
North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	$985 buy.
Yangtsze Insurance	$44½ buy.
China Fire Insurance	$165 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	$570 buy.
Douglases	$28 buy.
H.K., C. & M. Steamboats	$24½ buy.
Hongkong Tugs	$2½ buy.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$38 nom.
Do. (Def.),	$40 nom.
Shell Transports	80/3 buy.
Star Ferries	$65 nom.
Waterboats	$15 buy.
Oriental Navigations	$250 nom.
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Malabon Sugars	$39 nom.
Benguets	$1½ nom.
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Do. (new)	Tls. 28 buy.
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Canton Ices	$7½ nom.
Cements (combined)	$15½ nom.
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RUBBER CULTIVATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

NO PROSPECTS OF "COMPROMISE."

Contrary to reports from Filipino sources published in the *Manila Times* regarding a possible compromise by which American capital might be induced to enter the Philippines to finance small rubber plantations, Harvey S. Firestone, jr., told the *Times* that there was no prospect of such an arrangement.

It is impracticable for large concerns to finance small plantations, Mr. Firestone said, as rubber growing is a slow process, requiring great initial outlay and at least five years of heavy expense for sanitation measures, transportation facilities, etc., before there are returns from the product. A few large estates are necessary, around which smaller native-owned estates can operate, but the project of financing sporadic independent producers is not justified as a business proposition.

Mr. Firestone said that rubber was becoming a fundamental commodity, like steel, and that there was practically speaking no limit to its uses. He cited an instance in Akron, Ohio, where a portion of street is paved with rubber blocks. The pavement is noiseless, resilient, and apparently almost indestructible.

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ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

MR. E. RALPHS AND THE SCHOLARS' LOYALTY.

The annual distribution of prizes and certificates took place at St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, yesterday, when the Rev. Father Spada, presided. Others present were the Rev. Brother Aimar, Director of the School, Revs. Bro. Cassian, Father Riganti, Father Grenelli, Father Diego d'Ayala, Father Noval, Father Banchio, Father Rossi, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, Mr. J. P. Braga, and Chev. J. M. Alves.

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Rev. Brother Aimar, in his report said: The prize-giving this year is in the nature of a short private function and will consist in the distribution of the certificates awarded by the University to the successful candidates in the examinations held last December and my report will be limited to a few points of interest.

This spacious hall will be used as a reading room and for this purpose has been provided with tables, chairs and bookcases, at a considerable expense. I told the boys that this costly furniture was the Prize the College gave them this year and in return it was suggested to them to present the prizes they had won to form the nucleus of a library for their use. They unanimously consented to the proposed sacrifice and the beautiful books on show on the stage will fill some of the empty bookcases. These not found suitable for the library will be distributed as rewards on the results of the half-yearly examinations.

I trust the Old Boys and friends of the College will generously subscribe to the Jubilee Fund which will be started next month and enable us to stock these shelves with interesting and useful books, and to defray the expenses in connection with the celebration of the postponed Golden Jubilee of the College to be held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of May.

The parents of our boys may wish to know how we got on last year. The strike did not affect our numbers to any appreciable extent, but the unusual duration of the midsummer holidays interrupted the boys' studies to the detriment of the results obtained in the University Examinations which were only fairly good.

Seven passed the Matriculation, Francisco Jorge and Ker Hong Bee with Honours; one passed the Senior Local and 22 the Junior Local Examination.

The College is now a fully organised Secondary School with Science and Commercial Departments: 84 students are going through a three years' course in Physics and Chemistry; and those among them who intend to pursue their studies in the University will no longer be handicapped for lack of facilities to include these subjects in the Matriculation Examination and for the others a knowledge of elementary science will be an invaluable contribution to their general education. 20 are being put through a complete commercial course in the Senior Local Class.

The younger boys are progressing satisfactorily as the reports of the Inspector of English Schools testify.

These reports were read and also an extract of the report of the 1st Hongkong (St. Joseph's College Scout Troop) for the year 1925.

The Rev. Father SPADA, who presented the prizes, said: I am very thankful to the Rev. Bro. Director for having invited me to preside over this family gathering and distribute the diplomas to the College students who were successful at the last University Examinations. The College has done its part in bestowing on you through the labour and care of the Brothers the priceless blessings of a Christian education, but how well you will discharge the responsibilities that will soon be vested in you, must to a very great extent depend upon yourselves. From this very moment when these words are falling upon your ears, form good resolutions and wise purposes, which you will undertake to carry out with unabating and unflinching perseverance to the end of your lives. Always remember the motto of your college "Labore et Virtute": whatever avocation you may select, you will find in your path obstacles and difficulties which will at times appear almost unsurmountable. Do not lose courage; you will work out success by patience, perseverance, and constant application and labour. The moral and religious training which you have received cannot fail to be a shield and a sword in the contest. It will enable you to discern and reverence the eternal principles of truth, and form for your governance in after life a high standard of integrity and honour, it will above all bring to you priceless consolation when you are about to leave the cares, struggles, and responsibilities of this life.

To the younger boys who are still at school, I wish to say that if success is to be commended, only effort is of lasting merit. We value the things of this world and we retain them only when they are acquired by honest and toilsome exertion. Knowledge like wealth, acquired without effort is lightly esteemed, and is soon gone from its possessor.

As this is the first function that is held here since the opening of the new building by H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs in November last, I heartily congratulate the Brothers for the fine building which at considerable expense they have put up, for the betterment of the College and for the installation of the requisites to fit the College to be a fully organized secondary school in science and commercial departments. I also very warmly congratulate the Brothers for furnishing so well this spacious room for a library and the prize-winners for their public spirited action to present to the College the books they have won to form a nucleus of the library to be formed here for the benefit of the present and future students. The passes in the Matriculation Examinations, though the boys were greatly handicapped by a prolonged holiday during the troubles of last year, were satisfactorily good, and I cordially congratulate both the teachers and the pupils.

In conclusion I express my most fervent prayer that St. Joseph may continue to bless this College which has been running for fifty years under his name and patronage and I hope to assist soon at the celebration of its Golden Jubilee. (Applause.)

THE COLLEGE'S LOYALTY.

Mr. E. RALPHS, Inspector of Schools, endorsed the remarks of the Director as regarding the efficiency of the school. He congratulated the staff and scholars on the very fine building which they had acquired. He expressly congratulated the scholars during the recent trying troubles. "There was much talk about loyalty," he said, "but when the time came, there was no school in the Colony that had been more loyal than St. Joseph's College." (Cheers.) He remarked upon the work that Brother Cassian, and some of the scholars had done at the General Post Office during the strike, and the Postmaster-General had told him that nothing would have pleased him more than to have retained Bro. Cassian and his helpers on the permanent staff. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr. Ralphs also referred to the scout movement in the College, and said that he was glad to see that J. Braga was to be awarded a bronze medal for saving life, and would receive it within a few days from the hands of H.E. the Governor. (Applause.)

In conclusion, the speaker said that the students were doing a fine thing in giving their prizes to form the nucleus of a library for the College. He appealed to them to do their best at college, and on leaving it, to do their best for their fellow men in social and public services. (Applause.)

An enjoyable entertainment was given, those who took part being the Rev. Father Riganti, Mr. M. Andres, Masters A. Roza, G. Young, J. Remedios, E. Figueiredo, D. Dillon, J. O'Sullivan, J. Johnston, J. Braga, and Mr. D'Aquino. A violin solo by J. Braga was particularly finely interpreted.

THE PRIZE LIST.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Senior Belilios Scholarship:—Francisco Jorge.

Junior Belilios Scholarship:—Alberto Rodrigues.

Bro. Peter's Memorial Scholarship:—Yee Cheung.

The Lugard Scholarship:—Godfrey Agabeg.

PORTUGUESE CLASS.

(Prizes offered by the Associacno Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos.)

Senior Class:—R. Alvares.

Junior Class:—Alfredo M. da Silva, Henrique Noronha.

Elementary Class:—*Hongkong*: Gilberto Vieira Ribeiro, Joao B. Gonsalves, Eduardo Ribeiro, Plinio A. Xavier, J. M. Xavier. *Kowloon*: Germano V. Ribeiro, C. Botelho, L. Roza.

Prizes, offered by Chev. J. M. Alves and Mr. J. A. de Almeida, conferred on Henrique Gonsalves, Joe Remedios and Luis G. Marques for their conduct.

Special Prize, offered by Mr. Cerveira de Albuquerque, Portuguese Consul-General, to Gilberto Vieira Ribeiro for application.

MATRICULATION DIPLOMAS.

Honours:—J. M. Jorge, Ker Hon Bee.

Passes:—J. I. Braga, Basil Fung, Ho Suk Yee, Mok York Jun, James Khoo Siew Boon.

Senior Local:—Joseph Lee.

Junior Local Certificates:—Botelho, Pedro Vicente, Chan Ki Nin (dist. in arithmetic and book-keeping), Chan Shee Peng, Chan Shee Wing (dist. in arithmetic), Chow Yee Cheung, Roy Umberto Danenberg, Hung Sing Kan, Lau Po Kuen, Leung Man Churk, Li Pak Yeung, Daniel Liu (dist. in arithmetic), Edgar George Mathias, Henrique Antonio Noronha, Henrique Jose Noronha, Cecil Paley, George William Pearson, Augusto P. Pereira, Cornelio Charlie Pereira, Alberto Maria Rodrigues (dist. in mathematics), Edward Albert Roza, Henrique Rozario, Guilherme Francisco Victor.

THE TRADE BOYCOTT.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT.

On February 10th.—Sir A. Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary (Birmingham, W.), in reply to questions in the House of Commons from Mr. Looker (Essex, S.E., U.), Mr. Ramsden (Bradford, N., U.), Mr. Pethick-Lawrence (Leicester, W., Lab.), Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy (Hull, Central, L.), Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke (Cardiff, E., U.), and Mr. Griffiths (Pontypool, Lab.), said:—His Majesty's Government are giving careful and constant attention to the serious problems arising out of the anti-British strike and boycott in South China. At the beginning of the year it seemed likely that negotiations between Hongkong and Canton would be successful. They have unfortunately broken down in a manner which must make it clear to the rest of China, and indeed to the whole world, that the Government of Canton are for the time being under influences so blindly anti-British that they are not open to reason. The position in the rest of China is different. The policy of his Majesty's Government having been directed by a sincere desire to promote friendly relations with the Chinese people and being inspired by sympathy with their legitimate aspirations, this attitude of patience and conciliation is bearing fruit in the slow but steady restoration of friendship and good will between the British and Chinese peoples.

The trade conditions in the Yangtsze Valley are now improving, and would be equally improving in North China if it were not for the civil war. There are many signs that the lawless actions directly attributable to Communist influence have disgusted all sections of Chinese people, and that they are far from approving the conduct of the extremist faction in Canton. This feeling will doubtless spread unless intervention by a foreign Power should strengthen the extremists and unite China against the aggressor. Meanwhile, I must express my admiration for the courage and resource with which the Colony of Hongkong and the British communities at Canton and Swatow have faced so serious a situation. The whole question has recently been examined anew and most carefully by the Foreign Office in conjunction with our representatives in China. I shall continue to give it my close attention. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Looker.—Will the Government consider the question of appointing a special representative to confer with the Government of Canton and the *de facto* Government of South China, with the object of impressing on them the necessity of putting an end to this serious situation?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—In view of what I have already said about the anti-British influences at work in Canton, I do not consider that any good purpose could be served by sending a Special Commissioner to that district, and I would add that I think the sending of a Special Commissioner in such circumstances could only serve to undermine the authority of the representatives of this country in China, and that representation is in most competent hands. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Looker.—Is the right hon. gentleman aware that the Peking Government is impotent to control Canton, and is not the best method to put an end to this situation by this country's making direct representations?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—Anyone cognisant of the affairs of China knows that one of the greatest difficulties of the situation is the weakness of the Central Government; but I do not think the solution which the hon. gentleman proposes of sending a Special Commissioner to Canton is likely to remedy the weakness of the Central Government or to produce any good effect at Canton.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence (Leicester, W., Lab.).—With a view to detailing any legitimate grievance there may be from any anti-British sentiment, would it not be desirable to consider paying compensation to those whose relatives were killed in the Shanghai affair?

Sir A. Chamberlain.—The offer of compensation has already been made by the Shanghai authorities and declined.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence.—What was offered for the death of something like fifty persons?

Sir A. Chamberlain demanded notice of that question.

Mr. Somerville (U., Windsor) asked whether there was any relaxation of the ostracism of British firms by other foreign firms, who were afraid of losing their servants if they had any intercourse with British firms.

Sir A. Chamberlain again thought he would like notice of the question.

Mr. Kirkwood (Lab.-Soc., Dumbarton Burghs).—Has it never dawned upon the right hon. gentleman that all this trouble in China is the result of the capitalists of this country going out to China to exploit the Chinese because of their cheap labour, and that the Chinese have now rebelled against the conditions they have imposed—(loud laughter)—and just one other question—(renewed laughter)—I would like to ask the right hon. gentleman if he is prepared to go to war to force the Chinese to buy British goods? (Cheers and laughter.)

The Speaker.—That is an argumentative question. (Cheers.)

Mr. Kirkwood.—But the last question—no, I mean the first question. (Renewed laughter.)

No answer was given.

THE BOYCOTT OF HONGKONG.

In a written reply to Mr. Viant, M.P., who asked for information regarding the negotiations between the British authorities at Hongkong and the Canton Government for the removal of the boycott and regarding the compensation for the 52 Chinese killed and 117 wounded in the Shameen shooting outrage, Mr. Amery, Secretary for the Colonies, says:—

The Shameen incident is one with which the Colonial Office is not directly concerned. The unofficial negotiations which have broken down were conducted on the side of Hongkong with the object solely of bringing an end to the present violation of the treaty rights of the Colony. They broke down because the Cantonese side did not confine themselves to matters affecting the strike and boycott, and sought to impose on Hongkong irrelevant conditions of a political nature which for the present it does not seem expedient to set out, though I hope I may be able to give fuller particulars at a later date.

The Government of Hongkong is still willing to negotiate an honourable and permanent settlement with the Government of Canton, but the latter has persistently declined to enter into negotiations.

BRITISH SUBJECTS AND THE CIVIL WAR.

In answer to Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy, who asked whether he had any official information showing whether any British officers, ex-officers, or other British subjects had been serving with the army of Chen Chung Ming recently defeated by the Nationalist army of Canton and, if so, whether they had permission to take part in the Civil War in China and what steps were being taken to prevent British subjects from engaging on either side of the fighting in China, Sir A. Chamberlain said:—The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. With regard to the second part, I would refer the hon. and gallant member to Article 75 of the China Order in Council, 1925.

Sir A. Knox (Wycombe, U.).—How many subjects of the Soviet Government have been engaged in the disturbances in Southern China, and will the right hon. gentleman make representations to the Government of Moscow to secure their withdrawal? (Cheers.)

Sir A. Chamberlain.—Obviously I have no means of obtaining that information.

THE SHAMEEN SHOOTINGS.

On February 15th.—Sir A. Chamberlain, replying to a question by Mr. Pethick-Lawrence (Leicester, W., Lab.), said the incident at Shameen differed from that at Shanghai. It was the result of an unprovoked attack by armed Chinese military cadets or soldiers who opened fire upon the foreign concession, foreigners being killed and wounded. The foreign troops in the concession returned the fire, and Chinese military and civilians were killed. On July 11th his Majesty's Consul-General wrote to the Canton Commissioner for Foreign Affairs expressing heartfelt sympathy with the parents and relatives of the victims of the incident. So far as he was aware, the question of compensation in respect of casualties at Shameen had not been raised by the Cantonese in any recent discussion on the subject of the boycott directed against Hongkong.

DISAGREEMENTS AT CANTON.

DR. WU AGAIN THE "MEDIATOR."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Through the mediation of Dr. C. C. Wu, acting Mayor of Canton, and upon the advice of General Tan Yen Kai of the 2nd Corps and General Chu Pei Teh of the 3rd Corps, General Li Tsai Sum of the 4th Corps of the Kuomintang Army, has finally consented to issue a formal statement denying that neither he nor his subordinates have been in any way responsible for the recent attack by circulars and other literature on General Chiang Kai Shek, Inspector-General and until lately Commander of the 1st Corps, of the Kuomintang Army in Canton.

The statement of General Li has been expected for some time but it was not made until March 15th, before which date Mr. Wang Ching Wei, chairman of the Kuomintang, on behalf of the Canton regime, informally conceded to General Li certain powers and rights. These included that all the revenue derived from the districts along the West River and the territories of the lower eight prefectures of Southern Kwangtung and the island of Hainan should be under the control and direction of General Li, who is actually war lord in these places because of his military occupation; that all political and financial officials to be appointed to these places were subject to the recommendation and concurrence of General Li; that General Li's appointment to the post of Chief of Staff should not mean that he was to be automatically removed from his post of commander of the 4th Corps; that all staff and line officers as well as political advisers under him in the 4th Corps should be appointed only with the consent of General Li; and that the Hainan Coast Fleet should be a part of the 4th Corps under the direction of General Li and outside the sphere of influence of the Kuomintang Naval Bureau.

This concession is regarded by those Chinese who understand local politics, as a great victory for the Right, or anti-Red Section, of the Kuomintang, since it insures for the moderate members of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen's faction in South China a territory in which to conduct their activities.

How long this armistice between the Left and the Right Wings of the Kuomintang will endure remains to be seen. In the meantime, both M. Borodin, Soviet High Commissioner to South China and adviser to the Kuomintang, and Mr. Hu Han Min, nominally the Foreign Minister at Canton and "Ambassador" to Moscow, each heading a separate faction in the Kuomintang, are racing back to the Southern Capital, and are expected to reach Canton about the end of this month.

General Chiang Kai Shek, who is described as feeling strengthened since hearing of the early return of M. Borodin —for whom he had despatched urgent messages since General Li's alleged circulars attacking, in fact, the Reds as a whole more than himself personally—has determined to employ drastic measures to comb out all opponents to himself and his politico-military clique. For this purpose, a new military tribunal is to be created, nominally to try all enlisted men violating army regulations and promoting sedition. This new military tribunal has been empowered to pass death sentences on civilians as well when found guilty of espionage. This new tribunal is an answer to General Li's attempt to incite another political change in favour of the Right Wing of the Kuomintang.

Outwardly, the Left or Red Wing of the Kuomintang in Canton has had the upper-hand in the recent under-current struggle with the Right or anti-Reds. The loss to the latter included the dismissal of General Wang Mau Kung from his post of deputy garrison commissioner at Canton and the disarmament of his body-guards and the flight of Captain Aw Yang Lin, commander of the Kuomintang Navy flagship *Chung Shan* and acting Naval Commandant in the absence of Comrade Seminoff, which was followed by the arrest of 12 officers of *Chung Shan* and the disarming of more than 1,200 members of the Marine Corps of which Captain Aw Yang used to be the officer commanding.

The struggle now temporarily stayed has the effect of strengthening the power of the 2nd and 3rd Corps of the Kuomintang Army, composed mostly of Hunan and Yunnan mercenaries under Generals Tan Yen Kai and Chu Pei Teh respectively. They are now holding the balance of military power in Canton with the labour leaders of the Strike Committee who are also a body which the present militarists and politicians in Canton cannot disregard.

The Left or Red Wing of the Kuomintang in Canton, at a recent meeting, decided to allow only the pickets of the Strike Committee to carry arms, all other workers to be denied such a privilege. It is rumoured that the anti-Reds are trying to arouse opposition in Canton to the much-hated strike pickets. The Reds, to protect the pickets, at least until satisfactory arrangements are made to settle the boycott problem, are allowing them to carry arms; but they have ordered the Police to disarm all other workers.

PUBLIC CHARITY IN CANTON.

ANOTHER "GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Kuomintang Board of Charity in Canton, organized recently to take all charitable institutions in the City under their direct supervision and management, has issued an order prohibiting persons or organizations from soliciting funds for charitable or educational purposes in the city without its permission. The Government has also ordered that persons soliciting funds for purposes however worthy must not approach officials of the Government who are now forbidden to contribute towards charity.

BANDITRY IN KWANGTUNG.

60 CAPTIVES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Reports from Fatkong, North River, say that the "Reds," or bandits under the guise of Bolshevists there, recently shot down 60 captives whom they had held for ransom which was not forthcoming. The place of this outrage is but a few miles from Yingtak City.

RUSSIANS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

With the absence of M. Borodin, High Adviser; M. Seminoff, Naval Commandant; and other Russians from Canton, there are left but a little more than 30 Russians in the Kuomintang Government service, excluding members of the Soviet Consulate and Third International propagandists and other agents who are not directly in Kuomintang employment. There are now about six Russians serving as experts in the Aviation Bureau, four in the service of the Navy, three as professors in the Central Politico-Military Academy at Whampoa, and others scattered in different army units as experts or advisers.

There are other Russians in Canton, including a large number of women connected with the dance halls and restaurants along Taiping Road and the Bund, but they are only here as private residents.

CANTON "JUSTICE."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

After having been kept in irons since August 20th last, under suspicion of being implicated in the assassination of Liao Chung Hoi, a Kuomintang labour leader, Mr. Chiu Sze Wai, formerly of New York City, was on March 15th found to be innocent by the Special Prosecuting Attorney who decided not to prosecute him. Mr. Chiu, however, has not been released, as his friends expected. He is to be turned over to the District Prosecuting Attorney to be tried on a charge of extortion on evidence which it is stated has been developed since the assassination charge was first made.

THE PAY OF BOYCOTT PICKETS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The income of strike pickets in Canton is higher than that of men connected with the Revenue Cutter Service. This information is revealed in charges made by troops and pickets against one another. The Revenue Cutter men say that pickets around Huta'men are getting a "squeeze" of not less than $2,000 daily for passing goods contrary to strike regulations.

CHINESE BARRISTER.

ADMITTED IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, a Chinese barrister was admitted to practice by Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp (the Attorney-General) moving Mr. Lo's admission, said that he was born in Hongkong, educated at Queen's College and Hongkong University, where he took his B.A. He then studied at Cambridge and secured the degree of M.A. He had been called to the Bar in June, 1923, and since then had practiced in England.

THE BANK LOAN CASE.

CHIEF JUSTICE ON BANK MANAGER'S "EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS."

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The case in which Messrs. Moxon & Taylor are suing the Man Chuen Bank for the recovery of $37,600 alleged to have been lent to the bank through Messrs. G. P. & H. A. Lammert, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master), appeared for Messrs. Moxon & Taylor, and the defendant bank was represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lee & Russ).

Mr. Tsang Chun Son, the manager of the defendant bank, was further cross-examined by Mr. Eldon Potter.

He said that he sold the 200 Wharves at a sacrifice in order to meet an urgent need of the bank. He reiterated that there had never been mention of a loan, and he regarded what passed on June 5th as a promise by Lammerts to give him the money. Questioned with regard to the letter he had signed stating that the transaction was a loan, witness said they never informed him that it was a loan. He gave the same reply in answer to a similar question by His Lordship.

Mr. Potter: Why didn't you press them for repayment?—They said that the Sugar shares which I held as security had gone down. I did press them for payment, but they could not pay.

Replying to another question, witness said he could not understand it.

HIS LORDSHIP'S COMMENT.

His Lordship remarked that he did not think that witness was doing justice to himself. He was not a banker himself, but it seemed to him that it was an extraordinary way of doing business, and quite frankly it seemed incredible to him.

Mr. Potter: You had already entered into a number of commitments for China Sugars; you had bought 200 from Lammerts at 72?—Is that in my name or in the name of the bank?

His Lordship: This is the first specific detail of any other transaction I have heard of. I am only dealing with the transactions of the bank.

Mr. Potter: All matters whether they are yours personally or for the bank are in your name are they not?—No, there is a difference. I gave instructions to Chan Wing Fook to put my own and the bank's transactions under separate accounts.

That was not done?—I don't know whether he carried out my instructions.

You sold 200 Wharves at $188. Why did you sell them at two points below market quotation?—By selling them, I could get money for some more profitable business.

You wanted money badly then, since you were prepared to part with these shares at two points below the rate?—There is not a great difference in two dollars.

You really say that as a banker? Do you really mean it?—I got money for other business by doing it.

You had to pay $30,000 to the Dutch Bank at the time?—Yes, on June 5th I did not have the money.

And your Counsel stated that at the time your account in the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank was $30 overdrawn?—Yes.

Do you still say that you did not require this money urgently?—On the 5th I was in need of money to pay my liabilities on the 6th.

Do you still say that you did not authorise Chan to raise a loan, as you have already sworn in your affirmation?—I asked to sell and not to borrow.

On June 6th the necessity for this money had departed?—I had money enough in the forenoon.

But though you had plenty of money you agreed to sell your 200 Wharves at $2 below the market rate?—I promised Chan to sell them; and I kept my promise.

Then why did you enter into a contract to rebuy them at $192½?—I thought the shares would rise; that is why I would buy them back.

Then why did you not buy them back at the June Settlement?—I knew that they would rise later on.

You realize as a banker that you were paying 14½ per cent. per annum?—Yes.

You were therefore paying to Lammert a considerably high rate of interest, than you were getting from them?—It did not matter in dealing with Lammerts.

So that is your answer as a banker? You did not require money at this time, and you paid Lammerts the high rate of interest when they owed you $13,000?—That was only to oblige Lammerts.

And the only reason for your paying this extraordinary amount was in order not to break your word with Chan?—Yes.

Witness gave a total denial to the statement made by Chan Wing Fook with reference to an interview which he stated that he had with witness in Ice House Street.

Counsel then reverted to the rate of interest which witness was paying, but witness reiterated that he did not consider it to be high. Questioned with regard to the letter which he had signed, and which stated that the money would be repaid on November 6th, witness agreed that it was a serious document to put the bank's signature to.

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MORE TOURISTS.

"RESOLUTE" DEPARTS AND "LACONIA" ARRIVES.

Wretched weather yesterday again marred the programme of the tourists on the s.s. *Resolute* during their last day in Hongkong, and few ventured beyond the Hongkong Hotel and the central shopping district.

The *Resolute* left Hongkong last evening to resume her cruise, and took a few passengers from Hongkong for Manila.

Before the *Resolute* left yesterday another around-the-world tourist vessel had arrived in port, this being the Cunarder s.s. *Laconia*, which is now on her third trip around the world, and will have steamed over 30,000 miles when she completes this voyage.

The *Laconia* arrived early yesterday morning and brought over 600 tourists, so that during part of yesterday there were some 900 visitors in the Colony (including the 300 tourists on the *Resolute*).

As in the case of the *Resolute* tourists, the *Laconia* passengers were prevented from enjoyment or sight-seeing by the incessant drizzle which enshrouded the Peak in fog and haze up to tiffin time, giving place to a downpour in the afternoon.

Despite the inclemency of the weather 150 of the *Laconia's* passengers went up to Macao by the morning river steamer, but the majority had the day free and were left to their own resources.

It is interesting to note that the Hongkong Hotel served no fewer than 750 extra tiffins, in spite of the lack of accommodation.

Amongst the prominent people on board the *Laconia* are Governor Osborne, of Iowa, Colonel Daniels, who is reputed to be a millionaire forty times over and a prominent American banker, Mr. Pugsley, who is accompanied by a party of ten, including his son, Mr. Chester Pugsley, a lawyer of international repute.

The *Laconia* tourists form one of the annual world touring parties of Mr. Frank Clark, and for purposes of convenience are split into three groups in order that the ground can be adequately covered. Alternately, the groups will visit the Peak, Macao, Repulse Bay, and will make the trip round the New Territories.

The *Laconia* remains in port until Saturday, and on Monday evening or Tuesday morning her place will be taken by another Cunard around-the-world liner, the s.s. *Franconia*, which is bringing over 400 tourists.

The Hongkong Hotel is making all the arrangements for the entertainment of the *Laconia's* passengers, and to-day the trips which could not be carried out yesterday by the tourists will be commenced.

ATTEMPT TO ROB A.P.C.

THE INCIDENT AT NORTH POINT INSTALLATION.

The hearing of the case concerning a daring plot to rob the Asiatic Petroleum Company was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell when a Chinese employee of the Company appeared on remand in answer to the charge preferred against him of being concerned in an attempt to steal six tons of crude oil from the North Point Installation of the A.P.C.

Evidence given at the previous hearing showed that at about 1.45 a.m. on the morning of March 2nd one of the watchmen saw someone on the pier, and almost at the same time a watchman at another post also saw the man. A watchman went to the end of the pier and arrested him. It was found that a control wheel was fixed on the pipe line, and that another pipe was connected up to a small boat. Two other men were also seen to go down to the water and another swam away or crawled under the pier and got away.

It was further stated that on the night of the attempt the electric light failed and that oil was discovered in the boat to the amount of six tons, having been run into the craft through pipe line. A watchman, it was mentioned, had fired on supposed accomplices, who approached the pier and tried to recover the boat containing the oil.

At yesterday's hearing, another Police guard gave evidence and said that he heard a whistle blown about 1.30 in the morning and went down to the pier-head and found the defendant there in the custody of another watchman.

The defendant's hands were oily, said witness, but when cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada admitted that the night was dark and that he could not see very well. He only felt defendant's hands.

A guard who made the arrest was recalled and cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada.

His Worship at this stage of the proceedings adjourned the case until to-morrow, for a further witness to be called.

Mr. Potter: If it is true that it was agreed at the time that it would be set off against Lammerts' debt to you; do you not think it was rather a dishonest document which they handed you to sign?—No; Chan promised.

His Lordship: You were in a position to insist on that because they wanted your signature?—Yes, but I trusted Chan's word.

The case should have gone on in the afternoon, but after Counsel had conferred with His Lordship, the action was adjourned until this morning.

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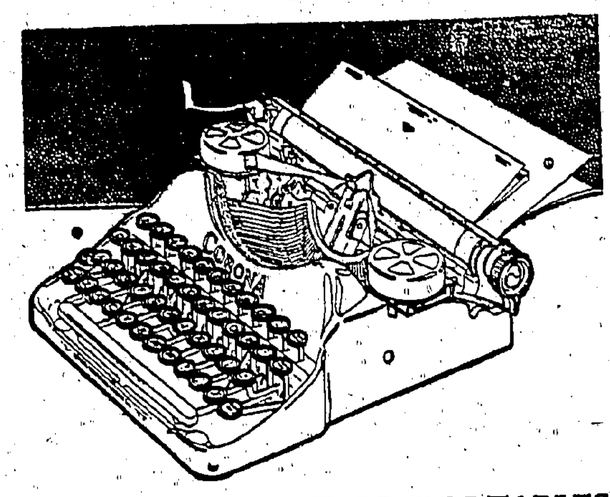

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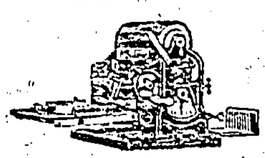

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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1926, at 4 P.M., in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1925.
(2) To elect a new Committee.
(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1926. [3335

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 8548 for 100 Shares Nos. 58847/58946 issued on 30th OCTOBER, 1924, in the Name of MR. HAROLD SETH Has Been Declared LOST and should the Same not be produced before 1ST APRIL 1926, it shall be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1926. [3334

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MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1926. [3331

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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OF
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LOT No. 3

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MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, No. 4, Duddell Street.

Dated the 12th day of March, 1926. [3302

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1926, at 5.15 P.M., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
P. M. HODGSON,
Hon. Secretary.
[3324

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 1926, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 18TH to the 24TH MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1926. [3296

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25TH MARCH, 1926, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20TH MARCH, 1926, until THURSDAY, the 25TH MARCH 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926. 3320

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26TH MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED From the 12TH to the 26TH MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1926. [3275

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27TH MARCH, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19TH DAY OF MARCH, to MONDAY, the 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926. [3321

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. 3461 for 25 Shares, £4 Per Share Paid Up, Numbered 48751/48775 in this Society standing in the Joint Names of HARRY CLABBURN PEARCE and JOHN HERMANN TEESDALE, both of Shanghai, Has Been Declared LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED, and of No Effect, and A NEW Certificate for the 25 Shares will be Issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3233

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

WITH *Reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated* 27th JANUARY, 1926, whereby the Final Call of $5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st APRIL, 1926 instead of 1st FEBRUARY, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to Further EXTEND the Time for Payment of This Call.

NOTICE IS ACCORDINGLY HEREBY GIVEN that that Date for Payment of the Final Call is POSTPONED to 2ND JULY, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2ND JULY, 1926.

FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926. [3330

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY [50

DEATHS.

KRAGH.—At Shanghai, on March 9th, LENNART KRAGH, acting Vice-Chancellor, Swedish Consulate-General, aged 27 years.

REMEDIOS.—At Shanghai, on March 12th, BELLARMINA MARIA DOS REMEDIOS, in her 79th year.

Hongkong Office: 1a, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 18TH, 1926.

TRADE MARK LAW IN CHINA.

THERE is a clause in the British Treaty with China signed in 1902 which says that "inasmuch as the British Government affords protection to Chinese trade marks against infringement, imitation, or colourable imitation by British subjects, the Chinese Government undertake to afford protection to British trade marks against infringement, imitation or colourable imitation by Chinese subjects." China, a year or two ago, placed on her statute book a new trade mark law, but it appears to fall far short of the requirements indicated in the clause we have quoted from the British Treaty of 1902. A case was investigated in the Mixed Court at Shanghai last week in which a Chinese firm in Hongkong doing a large business in Florida water, hair oil and face cream, sued a Chinese shopkeeper of Shanghai for a trade mark infringement. Evidence was given to the effect that the Hongkong wholesale firm had lost a considerable amount of money through the defendant putting on to the market inferior products bearing a label so closely resembling the Hongkong firm's label that many purchasers would fail to notice the difference. An agent explained to the Court that the majority of his customers were illiterate and bought the articles on the strength of the pictures on the label which had been closely imitated by the accused. But the point of greatest interest about the case is that before deciding it, the Court produced a very interesting decision in such a case in the Supreme Court in which it stated that "no conviction can be entered against a person charged with using a trade-mark which is an imitation of another person's trade mark unless it can be shown that same imitation is an exact copy." A mere "infringement" or "colourable imitation" is evidently not enough to secure a conviction. But the curious sequel is that while the Court, by reason of this decision of the Supreme Court, decided that it could not enter a conviction, it expressed itself as satisfied that an attempt had been to copy the complainant's trade mark and to mislead the public, and the defendant was put on bond of Tls. 3,000 not to use the trade mark again and also to see that all offending labels are destroyed. The final result is satisfactory though it is reached by a means apparently unwarranted by the "case law" of the Chinese Courts.

"BUY BRITISH GOODS."

H.M. THE KING when inspecting the British Industries' Fair at the White City Shepherd's Bush, last month, made a startling observation which was cabled to various parts of the Empire—but not to Hongkong. The Keynote of the Fair, of course, is "Buy and Use British Goods," and it is reported that the King expressed amazement when he learned from the export sales manager of the Imperial Typewriter Co., of Leicester, that foreign typewriters are used in all the Government offices and that the machines in actual use at the British Industries' Fair by the official section were all of American manufacture. The report goes on to say:

"The King turned to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, and asked: "What is the meaning of this? If other Governments can buy these machines, why cannot they be used in our own departments?"

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister replied: "I will look into it."

Mr. N. W. R. Mawie, of the Imperial Typewriter Company, then said to the King: "If we had the Government's order we could employ one more man for a week for every machine purchased."

"SCANDALOUS."

The King, moving away from the stand, remarked: "It is scandalous. I will see that the matter is looked into."

Only a week or ten days before this incident occurred, a question had been asked in the House of Commons regarding the typewriting machines used in the Government Departments, and the Financial Secretary to the Treasury replied that of the total number of machines purchased by the Government for departments at home and abroad last year 23 of British manufacture were obtained in exchange for old machines returned after the war, and of 28 purchased outright 1 was of British make. The value of the machines of British manufacture was £458, while the total value of the machines acquired was £2,738. It is of interest to add on the authority of an official of the Stationery Department, that "the Crown Colonies have been placing orders for British-made machines," and it is fairly safe to conclude that after the prominence given to HIS MAJESTY'S comment, British typewriters will be better represented in all Government Departments in future, indeed, it is fairly certain that the motto "Buy and use British Goods" will in future be borne in mind by those who have the indenting for supplies of all kinds in Government Offices.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day.

The French cruiser *Jules Michelet* left for the North yesterday afternoon.

There is to be a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to-morrow afternoon at 2.30.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, the left-back of the H.K. Football Club, is leaving the Colony early next month.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese woman was fined $50 for attempting to export $426 to Macao.

No. 6 Police launch was badly damaged about the bows yesterday, when it collided with the ferry boat, *Meridian Star*, on the Kowloon side.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan* landed 68 bags of parcels yesterday, part of which were from the United Kingdom. There were also 63 bags of Straits mail. The s.s. *Kidderpore* brought 14 bags of papers from the United Kingdom *vid* Siberia and a total mail of 80 bags, that apart from Siberian mail, being from Shanghai.

The late Mr. W. G. B. Denman Fuller (45), of Coniston Lodge, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, formerly of Hongkong, left property in Great Britain valued at £7,843 (net personalty £7,562).

While painting at No. 97, Connaught Road West, on Tuesday, a plank on which three Chinese painters were standing, became loose, with the result that the men fell into the street. One man died in hospital.

Mr. David Keith, of the Bowling Green Club, and a former Committee member, who is leaving for Home to-morrow by the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, has been presented with two water-colour paintings of Hongkong.

Current *Command Orders* state that leave on private affairs to the United Kingdom has been granted to Captain L. D. Joll, M.C., Royal Artillery, from April 7th, to October 6th, 1926, and to Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, R.A., from March 20th to September 20th, 1926.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is called for this afternoon. The Orders of the day are the introduction of two new Bills for first reading, namely to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury Bills (1) in Hongkong, and (2) in London. The Bills introduced last week are down for second reading.

It appears that the British Boxer Indemnity Commission have provisionally planned to visit Hongkong, Canton and other southern ports and conduct such investigations as are necessary there before the hot weather sets in. They will then go North, probably completing their Report in Tientsin.

Three men, two of whom were armed with revolvers, broke into the Yuen Wo paper shop at No. 360, Shanghai Street (1st floor), Yaumati, yesterday morning between seven and eight o'clock. They bound and gagged the occupants, and took away loot to the value of $85 in money, jewellery and clothing.

The Medical Officer of Health's return of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred in Hongkong during the week ended 13th March shows: 1 case of smallpox; 1 diphtheria; 5 cases of enteric fever and 3 deaths; 1 case of cerebro-spinal fever; and 2 of rabies (1 Chinese and 1 dog). All the other cases were Chinese.

According to a statement made by Sir A. Chamberlain in the House of Commons last month, it was hoped that the total cost of Lord Willingdon's Mission to China would not exceed £20,000. The expenses of the Mission are to be defrayed out of the Indemnity Fund, as provided in the China Indemnity (Application) Act, 1925.

Mrs. J. L. McPherson, of Hongkong, has been exhibiting at the Chester Gallery, 2, Chester Terrace, London, drawings of Hongkong and Canton, done in pen line and grey wash, with the tones enriched by penwork. *The Times* remarks that "her work shows real imagination, a sense of the strangeness of junks and of Chinese architecture."

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. A. Wadeson appeared for the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., who were summoned for failing to maintain water closets and urinals in an efficient condition, in the part of the Hongkong Hotel, in Pedder Street, which is at present under reconstruction. The case was adjourned for one week.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Mr. E. W. Hamilton sat together to hear two arms cases. Two men arrested at Ngau Shi Wan and charged with possession of arms were discharged, but another Chinese, who was arrested at Kowloon Chai during a raid, and was found to be in possession of arms, was sentenced to four years' hard labour.

A concert was held at St. Patrick's Club last night, when despite the inclement weather there was a good attendance. The artistes were Mr. E. S. Kelly, Mrs. Turton, Mr. Webb, Mr. Love, Mr. Manning, Mr. Mydleton, Misses A. Hynes and J. Woolley, Mr. H. E. Gardner, Mr. Charles Olive, Miss Harding and Sprading, Mrs. Burnett. The band of the East Surrey Regt., led by Bandmaster S. Dowle also gave selections.

Owing to the delay in the arrival of their steamer at Hongkong (the vessel will not arrive until Saturday mid-day), "The Quaints" will be unable to open their season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-morrow night, as was originally planned. They will now, under the rearrangement of their programme, play "The Sport of Kings" on Saturday night, and will present "No, No, Nanette" both on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. Following their brief season at the Star Theatre, "The Quaints" will appear at the Theatre Royal, where they will give three performances of "No, No, Nanette," commencing on Monday, at which presentation, H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi will be present.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club was called for last evening at the Central British School, Kowloon, for the purpose of considering and approving the alterations to the Articles of Association. These alterations concern the application for membership forms; the institution of an article allowing for the admittance of "Sea-going" members (officers and men of the H.M. Navy and officers of the Mercantile Marine, trading in waters outside the Colony) in addition to "resident" members; also the alteration of existing and substitution of additional articles relative to the system of paying subscriptions by both "resident" and "sea-going" members, and a clause dealing with "absent" members' fees and subscriptions. As an attendance of at least thirty members was necessary to hold this meeting, and this number failed to turn up half-an-hour after the time announced, the meeting was adjourned for a week.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE LEAGUE PROBLEM.

NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE POWERS.

GENEVA, March 16th.

At the conclusion of the conference of representatives of the British Dominions, M. Briand saw Sir Austen Chamberlain and then told pressmen that there were no misunderstandings between France, Britain and Germany but that a serious element existed making a solution difficult of realization.

M. Briand is going to Paris to-morrow to present a ministerial statement to Parliament. Some persons who were near him thought he hinted at the possibility of the postponement of the whole affair.

Mr. J. S. Smit, who has gone to London on urgent business, has confided the South African representation to the Canadian High Commissioner.

BRAZIL TO GIVE WAY?

After a three-hour meeting, the delegates of Latin-American States, after hearing a full statement of the case from M. Franco, decided pressingly to request the latter to find a means of restoring the unanimity of the Council in connection with the composition of the Council in the interests of the moral peace of Europe. In view of the unanimity of the Latin-American delegates it is confidently expected that Brazil will now yield. Her Delegate, interviewed by Reuter opined that the difficulty was practically settled.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

REVIEW OF THE DAY'S EVENTS.

RUGBY, March 16th.

Although hopes were maintained that the situation would clarify itself within the next 24 hours, yesterday at Geneva was not free from anxieties.

Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand and the German delegates have been in close touch and the anxieties that will remain do not arise out of any difference of opinion existing between these statesmen, who are in complete agreement on the course to be adopted.

The delegates of South American States united to-day in urging Brazil to abandon her intention of vetoing Germany's election unless she also is granted a permanent Council seat, and, although it is generally expected that this and other appeals of the same kind will have the result desired, no definite information to this effect has so far been received.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who has kept in constant touch with the Dominion representatives on the Assembly, again held his usual daily conference with them this morning.

It has been provisionally arranged that the League Assembly and Council will meet to-morrow.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A "MISINTERPRETATION."

PARIS, March 16th.

Somewhat belatedly, M. Briand's alleged statement regarding a Colonial mandate for Germany is now declared to be inaccurately reported and misinterpreted. It is explained that M. Briand merely indicated that, in becoming a member of the League, Germany would automatically enjoy the right to which all the members of it claimed to be entitled; namely, to receive a Colonial mandate if and when the occasion arose.

[A previous message stated that M. Briand, in the course of addressing French journalists revealed that the allies recently promised that Germany would be eventually allocated a Colonial mandate.]

TALK OF AN ADJOURNMENT.

GENEVA, March 16th.

When the Council concluded, Sir Austen Chamberlain hurried off to see the Germans. There is a general impression that the whole question will be adjourned until September.

At the close, the Council decided that in view of the difficulty of obtaining unanimity, particularly as regards the attitude of Brazil, Sir Austen Chamberlain will propose to-morrow in the Assembly that both the question of Germany's admission to the Council and also the question of the enlargement of the Council should be adjourned till the September meeting of the Assembly.

In order to demonstrate that the Locarno agreements are in nowise affected, it has been decided that the signatory Powers to the Treaties of Locarno, including Germany, will shortly publish a statement repeating adherence to the agreements.

WORK OF LOCARNO STILL INTACT.

LATER.

An official *communiqué* was issued at 8.45 this evening and states:—"The representatives of Germany, Belgium, France, Great Britain and Italy met to examine the situation resulting from the difficulties which have arisen to hinder the accomplishment of their common wishes. They note the fact that they have reached an agreement to overcome obstacles which at one moment had arisen between them. If as there seems reason to feel, the above difficulties persist, the representatives of the seven signatories to the Locarno Protocol would regret not to be able at this moment to reach the goal they had view, but they are happy to recognise that the work of peace which they realised at Locarno, and which exists in all its value and force, remains intact. They remain as much attached thereto to-day as yesterday and are firmly resolved to work together to maintain and develop it."

The *communiqué* concludes by expressing the conviction that at the next session of the Assembly the existing difficulties will be surmounted and that the agreement already reached regarding the conditions of Germany's entry into the League will be realised.

"DEPLORABLE IMPRESSION."

LATER.

A deplorable impression has been produced by the publication of the *communiqué* cabled earlier and there is much criticism of those to whom responsibility is attributed.

Complete calm prevails at the German headquarters, though the German journalists are much concerned regarding the consequences which the abortive attempt to secure Germany's admission is likely to have in Germany. Things, however, may be still righted if Brazil during the night decides not to veto Germany's admission unless Brazil is also granted a permanent seat.

FAILURE ADMITTED.

LATER.

Grave disappointment is expressed on all sides at what is tantamount to a break-down in the Geneva meeting. The question is asked:—"If they do these things in the green leaf, what shall in done in the dry?" the comparison being between the question of the constitution and framework of the Council and the real national crisis which might arise between important Powers.

There is a tendency to lay the blame on Brazil for the present situation.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that the Council's confession of failure will create a very bad impression. The blame will not be justly cast on Germany. The game has not been played. The manifesto by the Locarno signatories is a brave attempt to gild the pill of failure.

GENEVA A FIASCO.

The *Daily Mail* goes out of the way strongly to support Sir Austen Chamberlain.

The *Daily Graphic* says that Geneva began with intrigue and ended in fiasco. The Council's decision is one of despair and desperation. The League emerges from the episode soiled. The British people will acknowledge gratefully the courageous and seemly role played by Sweden.

THE GERMAN ATTITUDE.

BERLIN, March 16th.

Government circles are not surprised at the Geneva decision. Gratification is expressed at the statement in the *communiqué* that Germany cannot be blamed for the failure of the conference, also the declaration in the *communique* that the Locarno signatories are determined to adhere to the Locarno ideals in spite of the present set-back.

THE "TIMES" VIEW.

LATER.

The *Times*, referring to the succession of intricate evolutions designed to give Poland at least a temporary seat on the League Council, asks what is the desperate reason that it so critically important that Poland should have a seat on the Council, and declares that Brazil could hardly be expected to maintain an obdurate attitude in critical affairs without some assurance of powerful outside support.

"Nationalism and internationalism have fought," and the former, has signally triumphed. The lesson of this disillusionment will not be lost if the British Government in future anchor themselves to the solid structure of the British Empire, and put no faith in unsubstantial chimeras.

IMPOSSIBLE TO ADMIT GERMANY AT PRESENT.

GENEVA, March 17th.

The importance of the occasion was shown in the anxious expression on the faces of the delegates at the opening of the League Assembly this morning. The public gallery was packed, and cameras and flashlights were more numerous than usual.

The Dominion representatives sat in a group near the British delegates, eagerly discussing the situation. The proceedings opened with the reading of a long statement by the Brazilian delegate, who based his instructions from Rio Janeiro, after which Sir Austen Chamberlain announced that in view of the nature of the Brazilian statement it was impossible for him at present to propose that the Assembly admit Germany to the League.

CRITICISM OF BRAZIL'S VIEWPOINT.

LATER.

The feelings voiced in moderate language by Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand to-day are being re-echoed in stronger terms on all sides, namely that the League is passing the worst crisis in its history.

Commentators are particularly critical on an American state contributing to frustrate the admission of Germany and remodelling the Council in a matter essentially affecting European interests. It is held this is an ironic development from the American continent, which invariably invokes the Monroe doctrine when America is concerned, though credit is given to practically all other South American States in strongly pressing Brazil to abandon her attitude.

The failure to bring Germany into the League has created a sensation in Berne, where it is felt the development will lead to a modification of League statutes.

FOREIGN SECRETARY AND LOCARNO.

In the Assembly, M. Franco, reading a statement from the Brazilian Government, contended that South America should have more equitable representation on the Council, and much regretted that Germany should not be admitted to the League at present. He declared his instructions were irrevocable.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, after announcing his inability to propose Germany's admission, said he was profoundly happy that all the difficulties among the Locarno signatories were removed. If they had been the only obstacle to the admission of Germany to membership of the League and a permanent seat on the Council this pledge for the stability of peace would have been realised, as they earnestly hoped it might have been. (Cheers.)

It was indeed a tragedy that another difficulty should have arisen, but the Locarno signatories had determined that the good work for peace, reconciliation and co-operation should be interrupted.

SPIRIT OF SELF-SACRIFICE.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said:—I have discharged my task. It is a bitter disappointment to me that what I have striven for and what seemed well within our grasp must be postponed, but I am sure the Assembly share my hope and confidence that the adjournment question shall be an adjournment only in order to make certain Germany takes her rightful place next meeting in the Assembly. (Cheers), which were renewed when the Foreign Secretary paid an eloquent tribute to Sweden and Czecho Slovakia for their noble spirit of self-sacrifice and generosity making possible the removal of difficulties among the Locarno signatories.

FRENCH TRIBUTE TO GERMANY.

M. Briand also paid a tribute to Czecho-Slovakia, and was profoundly convinced the remaining difficulties would ultimately be overcome. The League would emerge stronger than ever though the present situation was a cruel one.

He deplored any event which undid the work of Locarno. "The present difficulties must disappear. Reorganisation is necessary because it is humiliating for the League to be exposed to such events." (Prolonged applause.)

He said France regretted more than anyone that Germany was not joining the League this session, and he paid a tribute to the Germans for facing this event without ill-humour.

COUNCIL PROBLEMS.

M. Briand moved a resolution regretting the present circumstances prevent Germany's entry, and hoping the matter would be settled in September.

Viscount Isshi, presiding, warmly tributed the spirit of sacrifice of Sweden and Czecho-Slovakia, and proposed the appointment of a special committee to study the problems confronting the Council. (Cheers.)

THE DELEGATES' VIEWS.

The Assembly adopted M. Briand's motion after statements by various delegates.

Heer Loudon (Holland) expressed dissatisfaction at the failure to admit Germany, and said the Assembly expected the League would not again be exposed to such an event as the present.

Dr. Nansen (Norway) hoped Germany's admission would be secured in September.

Mr. Chu (China) urged that economic potentialities of geographic position be taken into consideration in deciding the composition of the Council.

The Roumanian delegate gave an assurance of co-operation with the Little Entente in the interests of peace.

Mr. Zahle (Denmark) emphasised the Assembly was not responsigle for the present difficulties.

The Albanian delegate caused a stir by pointing out the Assembly was summoned to admit Germany, demanding a vote thereon immediately, but the President put M. Briand's proposal.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITISH TIMBER.

PRINCE OF WALES'S APPEAL TO COMPANIES AND BUILDERS.

RUGBY, March 16th.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of the Empire Forestry Association, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales said that, considering what excellent timber of every kind the Empire produced, it appeared rather unfortunate that this country should depend so much as it did on foreign supplies. Last year we paid over £46,000,000 for imported timber, of which only 13 per cent. came from Empire sources.

Canada produced the finest soft wood in the world. He appealed to large users of timber, such as railway companies and builders, to bear that in mind when they were placing orders.

The Prince further appealed to architects and furniture makers to remember that the hard wood of India and Australia was unsurpassed for beauty and variety, and afforded a wonderful opportunity for a craftsman who had sufficient enterprise to leave the beaten track.

NEW CRUISERS.

TWO LAUNCHED AT HOME.

RUGBY, March 16th.

Two new cruisers were launched to-day, H.M.S. *Kent*, at Chatham; and H.M.S. *Cumberland*, at Barrow. Both are of 10,000 tons and will carry eight-inch guns in conformity with the Washington Naval Agreement. They will have a speed of thirty-five knots. They are, of course, part of the Admiralty's programme of replacement.

A DAY'S WORK.

WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION EXAMINED BY CONFERENCE

RUGBY, March 16th.

The International Conference on hours of labour to-day continued its examination, article by article, of the Washington Hours Convention, which was begun yesterday.

One or two minor points were raised on Article 1, which deals with the scope of the Convention, and agreement was reached in regard to them without difficulty.

On Article 2, an important question was raised of the exact meaning to be given to the expression "Four of work," and, after discussion, the views of the various delegations were found to be in agreement on this point. Further discussion took place on the definition of a working week, and various proposals put forward to make clear the position on this matter were remitted to the Sub-Committee.

A question was raised as to the effect of Article 2 on the working of a five-day week. This was discussed at some length and the point was reserved for further consideration.

The Conference then proceeded to an examination of Article 4, which deals with the special conditions applicable to continuous process industries. The discussion on this Article was still in progress when the Conference adjourned.

BRITISH COAL.

OBJECTION IN COMMONS TO SPANISH LEGISLATION.

RUGBY, March 16th.

A question was raised in the House of Commons as to the intention of Spain to propose legislation or issue decrees disadvantageous to British coal imports.

Mr. Locker-Lampson, under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government were protesting strongly to the Spanish Government against any decrees limiting the consumption of foreign coal. Should this protest prove ineffective the Government would consider whether any further action could be taken.

MOTOR RACING.

WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN BY MAJOR SEAGRAVE.

RUGBY, March 16th.

Major Seagrave to-day broke the world's record for the flying kilometre with a new Sunbeam car.

The time is given as 14.6 min. 18 secs., which is over 153 miles an hour.

The new car is the smallest ever built for this particular record. It is rated at only 33 horse-power.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE BUDGET.

EXPENDITURE OF £800 MILLIONS EXPECTED.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill estimated that the total expenditure for which they must provide in the Budget was £799,500,000 and that in order to keep down the expenditure to that figure £31,000,000 must be economised in national administration. This was in order to counterbalance unavoidable new expenditure to that amount.

INDIAN POLITICS.

SWARAJISTS WALK OUT OF MADRAS COUNCIL.

MADRAS, March 16th.

The Swarajist and United Nationalist members of the Madras Legislative Council, numbering 23, walked out of the Council to-day in accordance with the recent decision of the All India Congress Committee calling on the Swarajists to withdraw from the Assemblies as a protest against the Government's attitude toward the demand for constitutional reforms.

[A Cawnpore cable of December 26th reported:—The Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress, by a vote of 135 to 21, has adopted the resolution of boycotting Legislative Councils if the demands already made by the Legislative Assembly in regard to constitutional progress are not conceded. The resolution laid down that Swarajists should only attend often enough to prevent their seats from being vacated and that they should throw out the Budget also. No office should be accepted as long as the Government did not give anything like a satisfactory reply.—The resolution was carried by a large majority when brought before the Congress.]

THE MATTEOTTI MURDER.

ACCUSED'S STORY OF HOW SOCIALIST DEPUTY DIED.

CHITEI, March 16th.

At the trial of five men, Dumini, Viola, Volpi, Poveromo and Malacria, accused of the "wilful but unpremeditated killing" of Matteotti, the Socialist Deputy, Dumini giving evidence, said he had concluded that Matteotti was concerned in the murder of the fascist, Bonservizi, and thereafter he watched Matteotti's house. He saw him going out, when an image of Bonservizi immediately entered his mind, and, acting on the impulse of the moment, he kidnapped Matteotti. He drove the motor car in which Matteotti was carried off and had proceeded to a certain distance when his companions informed him that Matteotti was ill. He got out of the car and did his best for the prisoner, who died within five minutes, profusely bleeding from the mouth. The party wandered a long way across the country and buried the corpse after removing the clothes to conceal identification.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE POWERS' ULTIMATUM.

KUOMINCHUN REPLY TO DEPEND ON FENG YU HSIANG.

PEKING, March 17th.

French and Italian cruisers conveyed the notification to the Forts yesterday afternoon, while H.M.S. *Carlisle* handed a missive to the Tsingtao flotilla.

It is understood that foreign warships will remain off Taku until an assurance of compliance by both sides is received, or failing that, until the expiration of the time limit.

Lu Chung Lin is said to have the most decided views regarding the ultimatum and takes the stand that only if the Powers concerned guarantee that the Tsingtao flotilla does not operate against the Kuominchun between the Forts area and Tientsin can the Kuominchun comply with the demands.

The whole question, however, it is reported, has been referred to Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, and it is expected the Kuominchun's final policy will be based on Feng's reply.

SOVIET STEAMER SEIZED.

TIENTSIN, March 17th.

The Soviet steamer *Oleg*, which recently arrived at Taku has been captured by the Fengtien warships at Taku. A search of the ship revealed enormous quantities of rifles and ammunition valued at about $2,500,000.

The Tientsin Soviet Vice-Consul went to Taku in an effort to secure the release of the vessel, but was unsuccessful.

ARMED FORCE ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald asked for an explanation of the reports and representations the Protocol Powers had made to China which might involve military operations within two days.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin replied that His Majesty's representative in Peking had been instructed to take no action except in co-operation with other Treaty Powers, and also that armed force should only be used in the last resort to safeguard the security of foreigners in the areas affected. Sir Ronald Macleay had communicated these instructions to the British naval authorities on the spot.

TRAFFIC IN OPIUM.

STEPS TO PREVENT EVILS OF SMOKING.

DELHI, March 16th.

The Council of State has passed the official resolution to give effect to the policy of progressive reduction of exports of opium, except for strictly medicinal purposes.

The Finance Secretary, Sir Basil P. Blackett, said that the motion was not a gesture but a deliberate step to carry out an obligation to help to stop the evils of opium smoking.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LONDON, March 16th.

In the second division of the English League Oldham beat South Shields by two goals to one.

OBITUARY.

COLONEL SIR PHILIP WATTS.

LONDON, March 17th.

The death is announced of Colonel Sir Philip Watts.

[Colonel Sir Philip Watts, K.C.B., was in the Constructive Department of the Admiralty until 1885. Chairman of the Federation of Shipbuilders, he was Naval Architect and Director of the War Shipbuilding Department of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne from 1885 to 1901. He was Commanding Officer of the 1st Northumberland R.G.A. Volunteers, and later of the 1st Northumberland Brigade R.F.A. (Territorials). He was Director of Naval Construction, Admiralty, from 1901 to 1912, and was later Adviser on Naval Construction to the Board of the Admiralty.]

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SERVICES ABROAD.

$10,000,000 FOR EMBASSY AND CONSULAR BUILDINGS.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.

The House of Representatives has voted an appropriation of $10,000,000 to acquire Embassy and Consular buildings and consolidate the Government services abroad.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

TWENTY-FOUR NATIONS ENTER COMPETITION.

NEW YORK, March 16th.

Twenty-four nations have entered for the Davis Lawn Tennis Cup, for which entries closed to-day. Australia is the only notable absentee.

THE CLOSING OF THE CANTON HOSPITAL.

STATEMENT BY THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES.

The Canton Hospital, the oldest Medical institution in China, has had to close down in consequence of the attitude adopted by the labour organisations towards it. The "Workers' Society" induced the Chinese workers of the hospital to go out on strike. Pickets were placed at the doors of the hospital, preventing anyone entering the institution and not allowing food supplies to come in, whilst the water and electric light supplies were later cut off.

The Hospital Authorities have issued a long statement couched in conciliatory terms. It is being printed in instalments in the *Canton Gazette*, and we reproduce below the opening paragraphs:—

"The Canton Hospital is the oldest medical institution in China, in fact, in the Orient. It was founded ninety years ago by Dr. Peter Parker, an American, who is said to have opened China at the point of a lancet. Through this Hospital all phases of modern medical service were introduced into China. Here for the first time the youth of China were taught the science and art of modern scientific medicine. Here modern medical text books were first translated into Chinese and published. In this Hospital the first medical researches in China were made. The first Chinese to go abroad to study medicine returned to serve upon the staff of this Hospital. In it over two million Chinese people have been treated. It is one of the largest Hospitals in China. Because of its fame, four presidents of China have contributed to it, and sent congratulatory letters or telegrams at various anniversaries of its foundation. In it Dr. SUN YAT SEN first commenced the study of medicine, and always maintained his interest in it, to the extent that two years ago he was instrumental in having the Government grant to the Hospital in perpetuity a tract of land for the further development of the Hospital and its varied activities.

"It has always been the aim of the Directors and Staff to maintain an efficient Hospital, employing the best available staff members and labour, acquiring the latest and best equipment and introducing all progressive and tried methods of improving the institution, the welfare of the patients and of all employees.

FOR CHARITY.

"The Hospital is also a charitable institution in that eighty per cent. at least of all in-patients enter the public wards, paying only about one fifth of the cost of their maintenance. The Hospital is therefore a money losing concern, and has an annual operating deficit of at least Twenty thousand dollars per annum, even though maintained on a missionary basis. That means that the support of the American members of the Staff is on a missionary living salary only, and that this support comes from abroad, and all fees are turned into the Hospital treasury. In addition, however, contributions from philanthropic people are required to cover the large annual deficit, to cover the support of the Chinese members of the Staff and workmen, purchase equipment supplies, and food, and to pay for the public utilities, etc.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS.

"In most places, the Government contributes towards the support of such institutions, and in recognition of the essential service rendered to the community by this Hospital, for over sixty years members of the Government have made donations, but during the past two years, due undoubtedly to abnormal economic conditions, no help has been received from the Government, Philanthropists also usually contribute largely towards such Hospitals, but since modern medical benefits are not appreciated by most of the people of this country yet, the Canton Hospital does not receive such generous support locally as might be expected. In addition, because of the business stagnation during the past year, contributions have decreased by about sixty per cent. During the past year, owing to local economic circumstances, the high cost of supplies, the difficulty of securing them, the few contributions, and the smaller number of paying patients, the Directors were afraid that it would be impossible to keep the Hospital going. Fortunately, however, a strong appeal to philanthropic friends of China in America received sufficient encouragement to warrant trying to carry on with the hope that settlement of the "Strike and Boycott" would restore normal economic conditions in Canton, and increase the revenue of the Hospital. The winter and spring months are very lean financially, as the paying patients are much scarcer, and local contributions are very few before and after Chinese New Year.

ORIGINAL AIMS.

"From the very foundation of this institution Chinese and Foreigners, for the most part Americans have co-operated most harmoniously in the maintenance, management and work of the Hospital. There are a number of outstanding Chinese on the Board of Directors and on the Staff.

"This Hospital was founded because the Chinese people of that time had not highly developed modern medical science. Large numbers of sick and disabled people suffered for lack of this knowledge. Dr. Parker and others, knowing of this, came to China and commenced medical work, for altruistic motives solely. The Hospital always makes a loss not a profit, so no one can gain from it. It is with great difficulty that such an institution under such conditions as have prevailed during the past year, with the Civil war and fighting in Canton, the Strike, etc., can be maintained, and the Hospital authorities deserve encouragement and help in this lifesaving work.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

The East Surreys defeated the Hongkong Club yesterday, on the Sookunpoo "B" ground, reversing the result of their match played earlier in the season when they went down at home by a goal to *nil*. The state of the ground was against accurate football. The Club had a chance to take the lead, but through a misunderstanding between the forwards the chance was lost and Douglas cleared. Rodger was busy in goal for the Club. A fine cross shot from Cheeseman almost had him beaten, but he just managed to turn round the post for a corner. The smallness of the ground was evident when Charlesworth took the flag kick, placing the ball across the goalmouth and out of play.

There was no score at the interval.

Soon after the restart, Humberstone sent in one of his usual drives which Rodger turned upwards and the ball striking the bar rebounded out of play. Macklesworth sent behind from the flag kick. Later the left winger made amends for he dropped close in from a corner kick, and Butler sent the ball into the net between Rodger and Gerrard. The Club tried hard to level up but failed. The final whistle sounded with the Surreys winning by a goal to *nil*.

The teams:—

East Surreys.—Douglas; Cooper and Jordan; McGreavy, Phillips and Bristowe; Charlesworth, Cheeseman, Humberstone, Butler and Macklesworth.

H.K. Club.—G. Rodger; Gerrard and Bishop; Lyon, Howard and Watson; Brodie, Forsyth, Bowker, McBride and Morrison.

Referee: Mr. Perman.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY *v.* HONGKONG C.C.

The following will represent the University 1st XI against the Hongkong C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m., on the University Ground:—A. A. Rumjahn (Captain), H. N. Balhatchet, W. M. Gittins, C. W. Lam, D. K. Samy, D. Laing, S. Hachiuma, S. O. Shahabudin, E. Zimmern, S. V. Gittins and B. P. Ng.

The following have been selected to represent the Club Outcasts:—H. J. Armstrong, C. R. Beecher, H. C. Burgess, S. H. Garrard, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, G. P. Lammert, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. B. Pendered, T. B. Powell, and L. P. Ralph.

Bus will leave H.K.C.C. at 1.45 p.m.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

For the Adamson Cup (March, 1926), F. E. Booker, 96—22=74 qualifies.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC MEETING.

The 11th Annual University Athletic Meeting is to be held on Saturday, March 20th, at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

There will be the usual 1 mile race open to the Colony (at about 4 p.m.) and also the Past Students 220 yards' handicap race. Both these are post-entry events.

LOCAL BOXING.

NAEGELIN—KID ALFRED FIGHT FIXED.

Articles were signed yesterday evening for a 15 two minute rounds featherweight contest between Stoker Naegelin, of the French flagship *Jules Michelet*, flyweight champion of the French Navy, and Kid Alfred, of Manila.

The French flagship has left Hongkong but Naegelin has been left behind, and will be able to fight.

The purse is of $400—Winner, $300 and loser $100.

MONEY-LENDERS BILL.

SMOOTH PASSAGE EXPECTED THIS SESSION.

Lord Carson's Money-lenders Bill, which obtained a third reading in the House of Lords last December but could not be dealt with by the House of Commons before the close of the session, has been reintroduced in the same form.

It is expected that the Bill will now have almost a clear passage through both Houses and will be passed into law during the present session.

Its main provisions are:

Every money-lender must take out annually, in respect of every place in which he carries on business, an excise licence at a cost of £15.

The licence must be in his own name.

Licences will be granted only to persons holding a certificate sanctioned by magistrates.

It is forbidden, except in response to a written request, to send any circular inviting a person to enter into a money-borrowing transaction, or to employ agents or canvassers for the purpose. Interest in excess of 4 per cent. per month shall be deemed harsh and unconscionable, and in no case shall compound interest be charged.

If a borrower fail in his repayment instalments the money-lender shall be entitled to claim recovery only of the balance of the sum owing, plus the proper rate of interest.

A substantial fine is provided for a first offence, and in certain cases of a second offence provision is made for imprisonment with hard labour.

PROPERTY SALE.

GOOD BIDDING FOR WESTERN DISTRICT PROPERTY.

There was some excellent bidding at an auction of property situated in the Western District at the sale of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, Ltd., yesterday afternoon, the property being eventually disposed of for $26,000 above the upset price.

The property in question is known as No. 93, Des Vœux Road West, and No. 98, Connaught Road West, and was sold by order of the mortgagee.

It covers an area of 2,493 square feet and is situated in a busy locality. The annual Crown rent is $46.

The property was started at $50,000, with bids of not less than $500 acceptable. Bidding, however, progressed by $1,000 stages, until the sum of $76,000 was reached, at which figure, Mr. Leung Ching became the purchaser.

The sale of leasehold property at No. 21, Robinson Road, by order of the mortgagees, which was to have been conducted at the Auction Rooms of Messrs. Lammert Bros. yesterday afternoon was postponed.

WANCHAI SQUABBLE.

EUROPEAN WOMEN AT VARIANCE.

Before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, two European women summoned each other for assault and with using bad language. They were Miss May Murray of 213, Wanchai Road, and Mrs. V. L. Spink, of 211, Wanchai Road. Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue appeared for Miss Murray, and Mr. G. R. Haywood for Mrs. Spink.

Mr. Haywood said that the women lived next door to each other. He suggested that it would be much better if the parties were bound over.

Mr. O'Donoghue would not agree, and said that the whole trouble was caused by Mrs. Spink.

The case was adjourned until next Monday morning.

WEDDING AT AMOY.

LOWSON—DOGGART.

The Foreign Community and a large number of Chinese friends gathered together at the Union Church at Kulangsu, Amoy, to witness the marriage of Dr. Minifred Norah Doggart, M.B., Ch.B., to Dr. James McKie Atkinson Lowson, M.A., M.B., ChB., which was solemnised on Friday, 12th March, 1926, at 2.45 p.m., after a civil ceremony which took place at the British Consular Office.

Miss Doggart is a new addition to the community, having arrived from Scotland a few days prior to her marriage, being a passenger by the s.s. *Sarpedon*.

Both bride and groom graduated from "St. Andrew's University" where the latter gained his Blue for cricket, hockey and golf.

The groom is the scion of an old Chinese medical family and has several relations still resident in the East, being the eldest son of Dr. Lowson, who, it will be remembered by senior residents, was one of two passengers saved from the s.s. *Bokhara*, wrecked on Sound Island, Pescadores, in October, 1892, with the Hongkong interport team aboard among other passengers.

Dr. Lowson saw active service with the R.G.A. during the war, serving with the rank of Captain in Mesopotamia and with General Dunsterville's expedition to Baku, being mentioned in despatches.

As Acting Port Health Officer of Amoy and Medical Officer of Health, Kulangsu, Dr. Lowson, who has only been a resident for just over one year, has won the friendship and regard of all, which was evident by the attendance and the spirit of the assemblage.

The bride, who had stayed with Capt. and Mrs. Reed prior to the ceremony, was given away by Mr. W. Meyrick Hewlett, C.M.G., H.M.B.'s Consul at Amoy, Mrs. Reed being matron of honour and Mr. D. M. Barry acting as best man.

The Church was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns, while the ceremony, conducted by the Rev. G. M. Wales in the rites of the Church of Scotland, was very beautiful and impressive.

The community was allowed the privilege of voicing its wishes for the happiness of the newly married couple at a reception which was afterwards held at the British Consular residence.

They were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents and enter married life with the good wishes of all.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened further. It is moving slowly eastward towards S.W. Japan. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local forecast: E. winds, fresh to moderate, overcast, rainy and misty.

PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL RAMSAY.]

PARIS, February 1st, 1926.

RUSSIAN BOOTS.

Russian boots, as yet, have not taken on in Paris. Where is the smart Englishwoman who has not her pair of Russian boots, and thanking Heaven and the bootmakers for them as she braves the terrors of the mud and slush that are the inevitable consequences of a fall of snow, as snug and warm as though she had never left her fireside? Yet, you could scour every boot shop in Paris without finding so much as a single pair. Frederick Lees, the director of the Parisian Shoe Fashion News Service, tells me that the big shoe factories of Leicester are turning out nothing else in an effort to cope with the unprecedented demand, and that it is expected Paris will capitulate and adopt this type of boot too before long. Already, there are numbers of well-known actresses and society women in Paris going about shod in Russian boots, but the fashion is far from being as general as it has become in England. Mr. Lees interviewed Paul Poiret on the matter, and this is what that great designer replied: "My wife was the first woman in Paris, in 1912, to wear red morocco Russians (*bottines a la Waleska*, as they were called then, in honour of the great Polish lady who is said to have been the only woman Napoleon ever loved)." She produced a sensation. But very few women had the courage to imitate her. Shoe fashions are in direct connection with dress models. When skirts are short, it is inevitable that shoes shall be decollete. . . . I believe that the Frenchwoman would rather bear the martyrdom of frozen feet than adopt either high boots or gaiters, she will do nothing until skirts become longer. The Parisienne has a fear of any fashion which is too conspicuous or showy. She will not adopt any mode which does not come in very discreetly. The psychology of the women of London is entirely different. They are of a much more practical turn of mind and therefore are ready to follow the advice of those who recommend the Russian boot and allied type of footwear. But, whether people of other countries will follow the example of London or Paris in this matter, remains, of course, to be seen.

SHOES FOR EVENING WEAR.

For evening year, the matter is a simpler one to solve. Kid is the material most favoured, and, if you want to be quite in the vanguard of fashion, you will not wear just kid, but add straps, front and back pieces, and ornamental motifs generally of snakeskin, crocodile, lizard, alligator or iguana. Hellstern, one of the big names among the *bottiers* of Paris, is making models of coloured kid combined with silk and tinsel brocades; in satins in varying colours, from dark to light shades. Julienne, the woman *bottier*, is turning out the most attractive models in ruby red satin showing pleats running the whole length of the shoe. Other models are marvels of combination of brocade and satin in soothing shades of amber, sandstone, champagne and beige, decorated at times with amusing cubist effects worked on in plain satin. Handpainted shoes for evening wear have not yet reached beyond the stage when they are a novelty rather an accepted factor of fashion, but as they are as smart as they are original, they are bound to become general before long. Like the embroidered shoes, they are decorated to match a particular motif of embroidery or design on the dress with which they are worn. Perugia is using coloured heels, gold and silver heels and gem-studded heels with most of his evening models. Shoes of gold and silver kid have not proved to be the success that was anticipated, no doubt because wearers have discovered to their sorrow that the slightest scratch chips off the layer of gold and reveals a patch of white that no art of dyer or gilder has yet devised a means of covering up. Therefore, to replace their shining loveliness, evening shoes are being decorated more than ever with rhinestone ornaments, buckles and loops of diamente outlining vamp as well as an ankle and instep strap. A novelty I noticed at tea time in one of the smart hotels the other day was a pair of shoes finished with an ankle strap of black moire fastening behind with a buckle designed in the initials of the wearer.

HEADGEAR.

As to headgear, there is little or no change in the hats, the milliners of Paris are continuing to offer their fair clients. Continue to pull a close-fitting felt or velvet hat well down onto your head, turning it up either in front or at the

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PAGETT M.P.

(REVISED VERSION.)

(With profound apologies to Rudyard Kipling).

I was an eminent liar," a fluent liar therewith—
For I spoke of the "chaos in China,"
I was told it's a "Solar myth,"
I invited my friend for a visit, he came in the month of May
And soon it was all I could do, to persuade him to stay a day.

June came in with the riots. Pagett was cool and bright—
Called me a "blasted Hothead,"—talked of their "Sovereign Right."
June went out with my business,
"Better luck soon," said he,
"Not arf!" said I to Pagett. "Certain!" said Pagett, M.P.

July began with the shootings and strikes down Canton way—
Pagett began to waver, said he had better not stay.
He grew jumpy and nervous—hit, I am sorry to say,
A Chinese youth who relieved him of his watch in a "friendly" way.

The next month and also September, were normal and quiet to me,
Though Pagett took fright at war rumours and suggested that we should flee.
Then he spent ten days recumbent because he was mobbed by a crowd;
Talked of revenge and its sweetness,—sang of his pain aloud.

War broke out in October, after the usual bluffs.
Pagett was sure that the Christian General would beat the "roughs."
But he didn't call me a "Hothead" and forgot about "Sovereign Right"
And prayed that some foreign power would help him of his plight.

The next month saw the war waging,—Pagett took sick with fear,
Talked about "Treaty Rights" and hinted that life was dear.
He pitied the "Whites" in China, and cursed his Legation in tears;
But I was now blase about things, *my* rights have been lost years and years.

The railway then ceased to function—Peking cut off from the sea;
Allied trains stopped, also fired on until they were forced to flee.
Boats were shelled in the river, no matter what national flag—
Pagett eloped in the darkness disguised as a Chinese hag!

And I laughed when I found he had bolted, but my mirth died out on my lips
As I thought of the fools like Pagett who talk of their "China trips."
And the cant of the blatant pastors, who haven't a thing to lose
When the Customs and also Extrality return to the Chinese crews.

"X."—*Peking and Tientsin Times.*

A WOMAN'S GREATEST GIFT.

HOW IT CAN BE IMPROVED.

From time immemorial poets have sung the wonder and the glory of a woman's hair. However beautiful a woman may be, her hair it is that gives the final verdict. If her hair is beautiful and well looked after, then indeed is she to be envied among women. If the woman herself does not stand out as a beautiful woman, but realises the wonderful asset she has if she makes the most of her hair, then she is lucky because there are so many who unknowingly mis-use their greatest gift.

That a woman need no longer lament that she has not been blessed with a beautiful head of hair can easily be proved by a visit to an artistic hairdresser, of whom there are many in these days when the cult of beauty has reached such a high level. The marvels that an artist can perform with even the most unpromising looking material has to be seen to be believed.

Hongkong ladies are fortunate in having with them for an all too brief visit, one who from sheer delight in his work has reached a pinnacle in his art in even such exacting communities as Hollywood and Los Angeles. Particularly at this season, when first of all fogs descend and then sea-bathing is all that makes life worth living through the steamy months of summer, should every woman, who values her appearance, pay a visit to the new Darelle Beauty Shoppe and have a personal consultation with Mr. Darelle who is remaining a few days here to supervise the opening of one of these "Shoppes" which are so well known throughout California. She will there obtain advice on her hair that will carry her right through the season with her charms unimpaired by fogs, damp or salt water. An early appointment is imperative, as Mr. Darelle leaves very shortly for Manila.

back, and you may go about secure in the knowledge that you are doing what smart Parisiennes are continuing to do, despite the repeated attempts made by their milliners from time to time to inflict larger hats on them. As to colour, all the shades of green are good, likewise all the browns and beiges. For evening wear, add nothing to your boyish shingle, unless it be one of the elaborate pearl and diamente diadem-shaped headdresses which Lewis is designing with such a lavish disregard for the purses of his clientele, and which Spinelly and all the other big stars of musical comedy and revue are featuring just now. With one of these making a regal crown to your head, and matching a crêpe Georgette gown entirely covered in pearls and opalescent sequins, you will surely look as though you had just stepped forth from the Rue de la Paix.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, March 17th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.02	30.01	30.01
Temperature ...	59	59	60
Humidity ...	96	94	95
Wind Direction...	E	E	East
" Force ...	5	4	4
Weather	OD	OD	OR
Rain	0.09	0.00	0.25

Highest open-air Temperature on 16th ... 66
Lowest open-air Temperature on 17th ... 59

SCOTTISH SPORT.

SCOTLAND JUST DEFEATS WALES.

GREAT FORWARD STRUGGLES.

KEEN SOCCER CUP-TIES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, February 10th.

At Murrayfield, Edinburgh, Scotland gained a narrow victory in an international Rugby match against Wales by 5 points to 3. The game was played on a soft and heavy pitch, with a greasy ball. Displaying form much superior to what they had been credited with, Wales put up a splendid fight, and had their backs possessed the thrust and resolution to turn to account the numerous chances provided by their forwards they might easily have won. As it was, they came very near doing so, and were at least value for a draw. At half-time Wales led by a goal to nothing, a lead which they fully deserved, and it was only after a well-taken penalty goal by A. C. Gillies early in the second half that the Scots came more into the picture. Heartened by this success, their forwards did better for a time, and a clever try at the posts by H. Waddell, who changed his direction of attack with consummate skill, gave them a slender lead, to which they clung precariously to the close in face of several determined Welsh attacks. Chief credit for Wales's gallant effort must be given to their forwards, who played with great determination and vigour. In scrummaging power, and especially in their heeling of the ball, they had the upper hand, while in short, close rushes they were well together, and were frequently dangerous. A tendency to get offside, however, spoiled much of their good work. The Scottish forwards did best in the open rushes, but even here their work was not up to the expected standard and there was often too hard kicking, which allowed the Welsh backs to clear comfortably. For sheer hard graft, the soundest was probably D. S. Davies, who was well supported by J. M. Bannerman, while D. J. Macmyn and J. W. Scott also did much good work. The best point about the pack was that they all stayed the tremendous pace right to the close. The Scottish backs had few chances. Most of their work was perforce defensive, and in this they did fairly well. J. C. Dykes was about the soundest of the lot, and tried hard to open up the game for the wings. W. M. Simmers made quite a successful first appearance, and if he, like I. S. Smith, on the other wing, had few opportunities of showing his paces in attack, he defended skilfully. It was a keen contest between W. J. Delahay and J. B. Nelson at the base of the scrum. Nelson was, for once, overshadowed, but it must be borne in mind that he was playing behind beaten forwards for the greater part of the game. Of the stand-offs, H. Waddell was superior to his *vis-à-vis*. At times inclined to try too much on his own, and over keen for a chance to drop a goal, he none the less won the game for Scotland by his magnificent try. His great tackle, too, of R. A. Cornish in the closing minutes of the game when the latter looked all over a scorer was an invaluable service which most certainly saved us the game. A feature was the splendid play of both full backs. D. Drysdale, who was in his best form, saved Scotland again and again by his lengthy and masterful touch kicking, and on at least one occasion he averted disaster by the cleverest of marks when a Welsh score seemed in the making. Scottish team:—

Full-back—D. Drysdale (Oxford University);

Three-quarters—I. S. Smith (Edinburgh University), R. M. Kinnear (Heriot's F.P.'s), J. C. Dykes (Glasgow Academicals), and W. M. Simmers (Glasgow Academicals);

Half-backs—H. Waddell (Glasgow Academicals) and J. B. Nelson (Glasgow Academicals).

Forwards—J. M. Bannerman (G.H.S.), J. C. H. Ireland (G.H.S.), A. C. Gillies (Watsonians), D. S. Davies (Hawick), D. J. Macmyn (London Scottish), J. R. Paterson (Birkenhead Park), J. W. Scott (Stewart's College), and G. M. Murray (Glasgow Academicals).

CLUB MATCHES.

The Rugby programme in Scotland was a small one, and most of the games were played in Edinburgh on Saturday forenoon. Kelso sustained their second defeat of the season.

Watsonians, 16; Kelso, 13.
Edin. Academicals, 20; Jedforest, 0.
Edin. University, 0; Hillhead High School, 0.
Hawick, 14; St. Andrew's University, 0.

CUP-TIES.

In the second round of the Scottish Cup 16 games were played, there being 6 draws. The cupholders, Celtic, defeated Hamilton by the substantial majority of 4-0 in a disappointing game. The winners were not seriously stretched. The best stand made by a minor club was to the credit of Stenhousemuir, the powerful candidate for Second League honours, who put up a so solid and capable defence against Rangers that the latter only succeeded in getting the winning goal eight minutes from the close of play. Queen's Park fell to St. Johnstone at Perth by the inflaged score of 7 goals to 2. This was an unlooked for defeat for the Amateurs and an almost incredible score, as on current form success for the Glasgow visitors seemed probable. Hearts were stretched by Alloa, and only won by a narrow majority. The best game of the round was between Hibernians and Airdrieonians, the latter only being successful in getting the deciding goal three minutes from time.

THE LEAGUE.

Two First League games were played, Clydebank and Dundee United both losing points at Cowdenbeath and Motherwell respectively.

COMMONS AND BONESETTERS.

MOTION TO CONTROL THEM.

MR. N. CHAMBERLAIN'S TENNIS ELBOW.

An interesting discussion on the merits and demerits of unqualified medical practitioners took place in the House of Commons on February 9th, when Dr. Little, who represents London University, called attention to "the spread of unqualified practice in medicine and surgery by osteopaths and chiropractors and other irregular practitioners."

He moved a resolution in favour of the appointment of a committee to enquire into the whole position of irregular practice in medicine and surgery and to make recommendations to Parliament for dealing with it.

One of the essential differences between qualified and unqualified practice, he pointed out, was that all the discoveries of qualified practitioners were made known to the world; the essence of unqualified practice was secrecy as to the methods employed.

THE OSTEOPATHS.

He objected particularly to the practice of osteopaths, who claimed to be as fully trained as a regular medical student, and to have invented a new system of medicine and surgery. The theory on which that was based, and which had been recently rejected by international medicine, was that disease originated in the spine and could be cured by manipulation of the bones of the body.

With the exception of Great Britain and Germany, the whole of the civilised world penalised unqualified medical practitioners.

Commander Hilton Young (Lib., Norwich), seconding the motion, said that osteopaths were guilty of inflicting something in the nature of an imposition on the public. He had recently met a fellow-member who had been treated by an osteopath for neuralgia. "I asked him how he treated him, and he said, 'He asked me to lie down on the sofa and then pulled my leg.'"

Commander Young complained that inadequate penalties were provided by law for unqualified practice.

What would happen, he asked, if the Government prohibited the sale of impure milk and provided no penalties? Fraudulent milk vendors would at once flood the market with diluted milk and the public would be trapped. The present position with regard to medical service was analogous.

Why should the practice of medicine differ from that of the solicitor? No unqualified man could act as a solicitor without incurring heavy penalties.

CASE OF DR. AXHAM.

Mr. Atkinson (Con., Altrincham) moved an amendment to the effect that an enquiry should be held, not into the general question of unqualified practitioners, but to secure the proper registration of qualified osteopaths.

They were all familiar, he said, with the notorious case of Dr. Axham, who was hounded out of his profession because he administered anæsthetics for an eminent osteopath. The medical profession had adopted the wrong attitude towards these practitioners. Osteopathy was a branch of knowledge which did not happen to form part of the medical curriculum. The proper way would have been for the medical profession to bring it into their curriculum.

He quoted from personal experience many cases of cures effected by osteopaths after qualified medical practitioners had failed. He himself, he said, had suffered from tennis-elbow.

He went to qualified doctors, who ordered complete rest for the elbow for two years. Then he went to an osteopath, and after two interviews of three minutes he was completely cured.

Mr. Basil Peto (Con., Barnstaple) seconded.

He said Parliament should insist that humanity should have the advantage of every fresh discovery in the art of healing. Dr. Axham had been hounded out of the medical profession and was pursued with a vindictive sentence up to the time when he almost had one foot in the grave. The time had come when those things should be enquired into and when it should no longer be a crime for a doctor to administer anæsthetics for a man like Sir Herbert Barker.

Dr. Shiels (Soc., Edinburgh) said he did not feel that such an enquiry as was proposed by the resolution was desirable at present. At the same time he thought that observation should be kept on unqualified practice.

CURED HIMSELF.

Most members would admit that Sir Herbert Barker was a man of exceptional ability. The bulk of the medical profession would agree that Sir Herbert had done very considerable service and was a practitioner of no mean skill. But he was a very exceptional case.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, opposed both the motion and the amendment. His argument with regard to the first was that the public should not be debarred from the services of any man, qualified or unqualified man they did so at their own risk.

His objection to the amendment lay in the difficulty of defining the proper qualification for inclusion in a register of recognised osteopaths. It would be necessary, apparently, to rely on the diplomas given by American colleges over which we had no control—and that was an impossible basis to accept.

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He warned Mr. Atkinson not to draw too many inferences from the fact that he had been cured of tennis-elbow by an osteopath, since he himself (Mr. Chamberlain) had suffered from the same thing and had cured himself without consulting anybody at all. (Laughter.)

He advised osteopaths to begin forming a register of their own for such of their number as were in their opinion qualified. There was nothing to prevent them doing so and setting up their own standard for inclusion in the register. They might also establish colleges of their own.

The motion was talked out, and the House rose at 11.3 p.m.

INCOMES OF THE BISHOPS.

"REDUCTION" THAT BENEFITS THEM.

Considerable misapprehension has arisen in some quarters in consequence of statements that the stipends of Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Church were to be "cut" by two-thirds. This is not the case. The proposals to be considered at the Church Assembly actually will benefit the two Archbishops and the Bishops generally.

Many of the Bishops have stated that owing to income tax and super-tax, as well as the general expenses attaching to the office, and notwithstanding what is described as the "fatal opulence of the bishops," they make both ends meet at present only by drawing upon their private means.

The new measure simply divides the income of every bishopric into two and allocates one part for the Bishop as a personal stipend and the other part as an allowance for episcopal expenses incidental to the administration of his diocese.

HOW IT WILL WORK.

This arrangement will work out as follows:—

	Present income.	New personal stipend.	Expenses Allowance.
	£	£	£
Canterbury	15,000	5,000	10,000
York	9,000	3,000	6,000
London	10,000	3,333	6,667
Durham	7,000	2,333	4,667
Winchester*	6,500	2,166	4,334
Oxford	5,000	2,500	2,500
Bath and Wells...	5,000	2,500	2,500
Salisbury	5,000	2,500	2,500
Peterborough	4,500	2,250	2,250
Manchester	4,200	2,100	2,100
Birmingham	4,200	2,100	2,100
Chichester	3,800	1,900	1,900
Bristol	3,000	1,500	1,500
Chelmsford	2,500	1,000	1,500
Sodor and Man..	2,000	500	1,500

*—Winchester is subject to revision after the proposed division of the diocese.

This allocation of the episcopal income will relieve the Bishop of personal liability for many diocesan expenses—legal charges, for instance, such as fell upon the Bishop of Lincoln when he was involved in costs of £6,000 in the case against Archdeacon Wakeford. A portion of the old feudal castles, which are now occupied by the Bishops, will also be allocated for diocesan purposes, and the Bishop relieved of the cost of maintenance, repairs, rates, etc.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

The same measure provides a pension for the Bishop on, or after, attaining the age of 70 or earlier, under the provisions of the Bishops' Registration Act, 1860. To this every Bishop must contribute £3 10s. per cent. of his personal stipend on a non-returnable basis. The pensions will work out as follows:—

Archbishops of Canterbury and York (each)	£1,500
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		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	18	m 0 31	5 8	m 6 4	2 4
		0 13 a	5 8	6 38 a	1 9
Fri.	19	m 1 29	5 0	m 6 35	3 0
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Satur.	20	m 2 42	4 4	m 7 3	3 4
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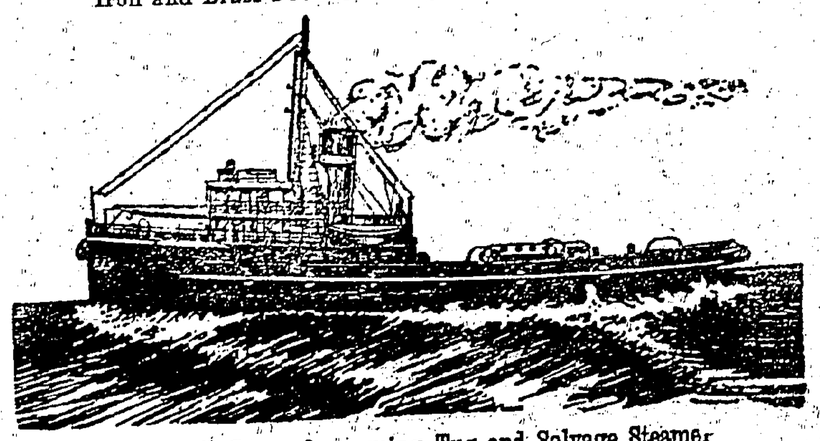

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ARRIVALS.

March 16th.

Kasuga, Chinese str., 505 tons, Capt. T. R. Nicol, from Tourane, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37.—Fu Kuen Co.

Sui Sang, British str., 1,982 tons, Capt. A. D. Kelman, from Kobe and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A29.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Tjilebort, Dutch str., 3,635 tons, Capt. P. Abbo, from Batavia and Balikpapan, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A26.—J.C.J.L.

March 17th.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,258 tons, Capt. H. Gatow, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kaijo Maru, Japanese str., 1,126 tons, Capt. Y. Otura, from Swatow, with coal and general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kalyan, British str., 5,679 tons, Capt. R. Mallalue, from London, which port she left on February 5th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—P. & O.

Kidderpore, British str., 3,622 tons, Capt. F. S. Murry, R.N.R., from Shanghai, which port she left on March 14th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Lucania, British str., 11,804 tons, Capt. E. T. Brittan, from Liverpool and Shanghai, the latter port she left on March 14th, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—B. & S.

Mokoria Maru, Japanese str., 1,981 tons, Capt. I. Furukawa, from Miike, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. E50.—M.B.K.

Seiyo Maru, Japanese str., 4,470 tons, Capt. J. Satow, from Karatsu, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—T.K.K.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

March 17th.

Haihong, for Amoy.
Hoi Nam, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Kalyan, for Shanghai.
Kidderpore, for Singapore.
President Grant, for Shanghai.
Resolute, for Manila.
Sinkiang, for Amoy.
Sui Sang, for Singapore.
Ting Sang, for Shanghai.
Wai Shing, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*, from London, on March 17th:—Mr. A. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurst and child, Mr. J. McRenie, Mr. F. Jones, Mr. J. Ashworth, Mr. A. Nicholls, Mr. A. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson, Mrs. W. Bundock, Mr. A. Mackenzie, Lt. C. Robinson, Mr. E. Bilton, Capt. and Mrs. Rookledge and two children, Mr. E. Marr, Mrs. A. Mackenzie and two children, Mr. H. Campbell, Mr. J. Blackwood, Mr. P. Stewart, Mr. R. Eddy, Mrs. F. Smallbones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lonsdale and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. L. Adkins, Mr. T. Ryoki, Mr. J. Wilson, Miss Crawslay, Mr. Sobra Ram Mehra, Miss K. Panova, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. K. Browne, Mrs. Black, Misses Black (2), Mr. and Mrs. Scott, and child, Mr. and Mrs. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Chao Shen, Mr. G. Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blake, Mr. H. Ross, Mr. Birks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Ngan, Cpl. A. Watklin, L. Cpl. W. Beauchamp, Boy H. G. Gorsuch, Mr. T. Perrow, Major and Mrs. Scovill, Lt. E. Maude, Mr. E. Logden, Mr. and Mrs. Troughton, Grs. G. Pellow, A. Clarke, J. Hall, and R. White, Mr. Coulhart, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hayden, Mrs. Collins and child, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Peingle, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. H. Hee, Mr. K. P. Goon, Mr. W. Riggins, Mr. F. Weigh, Mr. and Mrs. P. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Windham and infant, Mrs. C. Crist, Mr. Ed. Gan, Mr. Oen Goan Tjeong, Mr. Li Yu Shu, Mr. Wen Yuen Ning, Mr. Peppercorn, Miss Moorshad, Miss Suguira.

DEPARTURES.

Per Admiral Oriental liner *President Grant*, for Seattle *viâ* ports, on March 17th:—Mrs. P. K. Coons, Mr. M. E. Gardner, Rev. J. Golden, Mr. H. H. Hall, Rev. C. Kleihaver, Mr. S. Nickells, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pickard, Dr. A. S. Nelson, Rev. A. Paul, Mr. H. Sulzer, Rev. R. M. Simpson, Mr. R. M. Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Warren, Mrs. C. R. Applegate, Mrs. A. R. Blauvelt, Mr. W. Craig, Mr. S. Day, Miss Genevieve, Mr. J. E. Hassenfratz, Mr. T. F. Loudon, Mr. H. Rust, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. J. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Mennen, Mr. S. G. Wilcox, Mr. Chao Ping Heng, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Crooks, Miss W. Bassett, Mr. K. Tsujimoto, Mr. and Mrs. T. Blake, Mr. C. S. Holdsworth, Mr. H. R. Flower, Mr. Poy Lew Siu, Mr. Carvalho, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Petty, Mr. F. Weigbe, Mr. Chong Tau, Mr. Chin Sun Pine, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hayden, and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford.

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong last night:—*Franconia, Tjipanas, Asia, Anhai, Genbu Maru, Delta, Japan, Devanha, President Madison, Kitano Maru, President Grant, Resolute, Kalyan, Aki Maru, Van Cloon, Amakusa Maru, Sui Sang, Porthos, Paul Lecat, Hong Hwa, Helenus, Khiva.*

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Benarty (Ben Line), due March 23rd.
Delta (P. & O.), due to-morrow.
Devanha (P. & O.), due March 20th, about 6 a.m.
Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due March 25th.
Khiva (P. & O.), due March 19th, about 6 a.m.
Shirala (B.I. & Apcar), due to-day.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

A large number of arrivals was the feature of yesterday's shipping statement which showed 66 vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m., of which 31 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 14, *viz.*, seven British, one Dutch, two French, three Japanese and one Chinese. The departures over the same period came to thirteen, four for Saigon, three for Shanghai, two for Kwang Chow Wan, one for Takao, one for Tientsin, one for Amoy and one for Miike; with four clearances, for Swatow, Chefoo, Hoihow and Haiphong.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong .....15,646 tons.
For ports beyond .....16,001 "

Total .....31,647 "

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Tuesday).

For Hongkong .....9,705 tons.
For ports beyond .....38,452½ "

Total .....48,158½ "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 5,665 tons were carried in British vessels. The heaviest entry was one of 4,560 tons of coal by a British steamer and the next best 3,500 tons of coal by a Japanese steamer; while there were two other entries running into four figures. Of the cargo for ports beyond, there was one entry of 5,190 tons, and one of 4,419 tons, with three other four-figure entries.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:

Empress of Canada (British) from Manila with *mail* entry for Hongkong, mail and 98 tons of hemp, cigars and general cargo for ports beyond;
Taikoo Wangi (British) from Hongay with 4,560 tons of coal;
Sui Sang (British) from Kobe and Amoy with 842 tons of general cargo, mail and 370 tons for ports beyond;
Wai Shing (British) from Hankow and Shanghai with 1,303 tons of general cargo;
Lucania (British) around-the-world tourist liner from Liverpool and Shanghai;
Kalyan (British) from London and Singapore with 750 tons of general cargo, mail and 4,419 tons for ports beyond;
Kidderpore (British) from Shanghai with 610 tons of cotton rags, mail and 1,000 tons for ports beyond;
Tjilebort (Dutch) from Batavia and Balikpapan with 2,378 tons of miscellaneous cargo, mail 2,936 tons for ports beyond;
Paul Lecat (French) from Marseilles and Saigon with 400 tons of general cargo, mail and 1,400 tons for ports beyond;
Porthos (French) from Yokohama and Shanghai with 1000 tons of general cargo, mail and 576 tons for ports beyond;
Seiyo Maru (Japanese) from Tahibi and Kutan with two tons of general cargo, mail and 12 tons for ports beyond;
Celebes Maru (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji with 931 tons of general cargo and 5,190 tons for ports beyond;
Mokoria Maru (Japanese) from Miike with 3,500 tons of general cargo and mail;
Kasuga (Chinese) from Tourane with 300 tons of general cargo.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for entry in the above returns, included:—

Kinjee Maru (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 200 tons of coal, 744 tons of general cargo and mail;
Aki Maru (Japanese) from Australia and Manila with general cargo and mail.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the s.s. *Fook Sang* has reported to the Harbour Office that submerged wreckage, dangerous to shipping, was passed in Lat. 20 deg. N., Long. 119.28 E.

The Customs Authorities at Tientsin have issued the following notice to Mariners:—"Harbour Notification No. 1. Notice is hereby given that a large unlit gas buoy has been reported by the s.s. *Chekiang*, as being moored in Lat. 38.41 N., Long. 118.40 E. The buoy is painted white, with "Telegraph No. 8" painted in black thereon, and pending its removal, mariners are warned that it forms a danger to navigation."

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,224, of which the s.s. *Sui Sang* (British) carried 1,080 from Kobe and Amoy.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR MARCH, 1926.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March 18th	6.31 a.m.	6.33 p.m.
" 19th	6.29 "	6.34 "
" 20th	6.28 "	6.34 "
" 21st	6.27 "	6.35 "
" 22nd	6.26 "	6.35 "
" 23rd	6.25 "	6.36 "
" 24th	6.25 "	6.36 "
" 25th	6.24 "	6.36 "
" 26th	6.23 "	6.36 "
" 27th	6.22 "	6.37 "
" 28th	6.21 "	6.37 "
" 29th	6.20 "	6.37 "
" 30th	6.19 "	6.38 "
" 31st	6.18 "	6.38 "

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EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	April 16	April 19	April 22	April 24	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	April 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 16	June 19	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 27	June 30	July 3	July 12

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ANYO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st April
BOKUYO MARU ... Saturday, 29th April

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SHIDZUOKA MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Mar., 11 a.m.
YOKOHAMA MARU ... Tuesday, 15th April

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AKI MARU ... Thursday, 18th Mar.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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HONGAY	"HOPSANG"	Friday,	19th Mar., at 9 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"LEESANG"	Tuesday,	23rd Mar., at 10 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Wednesday,	24th Mar., at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Friday,	26th Mar., at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Tuesday,	30th Mar., at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SINGAPORE	"KWAISANG"	Wednesday,	31st Mar., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via AMOY, SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA	"KUTSANG"	Friday,	2nd April, at 7 a.m.
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S.S. "OOSTKERK"	17th Apr.,	"
S.S. "OUDERKERK"	15th May.,	"

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE:

S.S. "OOSTKERK"	9th Mar.,	1926
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"JEYPORE"	5,318	6th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"LAHORE"	5,252	11th April	Singapore and Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang; Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	9,941	29th May	Marseilles & London
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"RANPURA"	16,585	24th July	Marseilles and London.
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"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Anwerp.
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"DELTA"	8,097	20th Mar., 6 a.m.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"JAPAN"	6,052	22nd Mar.	Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,003	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	do.
"PADU"	5,907	30th May	Shanghai and Kobe
"KARMALA"	9,089	11th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"RANPURA"	16,585	9th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	5th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	19th Aug.	do.
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"MOREA"	10,918	16th Sept.	do.

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AMOY & SINGAPORE ...	"ANHUI"	... On	20th Mar.,	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"SUIYANG"	... On	21st Mar.,	6 a.m.
BANGKOK ...	"KWANGTUNG"	... On	22nd Mar.,	Noon
AMOY & SHANGHAI ...	"CHENAN"	... On	23rd Mar.,	6 a.m.
HONGAY ...	"TAIKOOWANYI"	... On	23rd Mar.	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ...	"KUEICHOW"	... On	23rd Mar.,	4 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE ...	"KWEIYING"	... On	24th Mar.,	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"LINAN"	... On	24th Mar.,	4 p.m.
HAIPHONG ...	"TAMING"	... On	25th Mar.,	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHWANG ...	"LIANGCHOW"	... On	25th Mar.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"SHANTUNG"	... On	26th Mar.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"KANCHOW"	... On	28th Mar.,	6 a.m.
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Shanghai	*Chenan*	19th March.
Shanghai	*Khiva*	19th March.
Straits	*Delta*	19th March.
Straits	*Japan*	20th March.
Europe via Suez letters & papers London, 18th, Feb. and Parcels 11th, Feb.	*Devanha*	20th March.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Madison* ...	20th March.
Straits	*Kitano Maru* ...	22nd March.
Japan	*Tango Maru* ...	23rd March.
Japan	*Fushimi Maru* ...	26th March.
Australia & Manila	*Ohangte*	27th March.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date	
Straits	*Van Cloon* ...	Thursday, 18th,	11.30 A M
Japan	*Aki Maru* ...		1.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	*Celebes Maru* ...		2.30 P M
Amoy	*Tjileboet*		2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 5th April	*Emp. of Canada*	Parcels	3.00 P M
		Reg.	4.15 P M
		Letters	5.00 P M
Amoy	*Namsang*		5.00 P M
Straits & Calcutta	*Shirala*	Friday, 19th, Parcels	10.00 A M
		Letters	11.00 A M
Haiphong	*Kaying*		10.30 A M
Manila	*Pres. Lincoln* ...		1.30 P M
Japan	*Samarang Maru* ...		3.30 P M
Amoy	*Anhui*		5.00 P M
Shanghai	*Delta*		5.00 P M
Tourane	*Kasara*		5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th April	*Khiva* ...	Parcels	5.00 P M
		Reg. 20th,	9.45 A M
		Letters	10.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) ... Shanghai	*Devanha*	Saturday, 20th,	10.00 A M
	Suiyang		5.00 P M
*Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa ... ... Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Kaijo Maru* ... *Haiching* ...	Sunday, 21st,	9.00 A M 9.00 A M
Bangkok ... ... Amoy	*Kwang Tung* ... *Chenan*	Monday, 22nd,	10.30 A M 5.00 P M
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) ...	*Kitano Maru* ..	Tuesday, 23rd,	10.30 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April	*Helenus*	Reg.	1.45 P M
		Letters	2.30 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Kweichow*		2.00 P M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th April ... ... Shanghai	*Tango Maru* ... *Hangsang* ...	Wednesday, 24th, Reg.	8.45 A M
		Letters	9.30 A M
			10.30 A M
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Is., 7th April	*Taiping*	Thursday, 25th, Parcels	5.00 P M
		Reg. 26th,	9.45 A M
		Letters	10.30 A M
Straits & Calcutta	*Kumsang*	Friday, 26th, Parcels	Noon
		Letters	1.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th April ...	*Fushimi Maru*	Saturday, 27th, Reg.	8.45 A M
		Letters	9.30 A M

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